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Milk Dems Rally Against 'Frankenstein' Buchanan

by Mary Ann Swissler

A small but determined crowd of mostly gay and lesbian rights supporters appealed for tolerance at a noontime rally held outside the Republican Party headquarters Friday, February 23.

The rally focused on the announcement by Republican presidential contender Pat Buchanan, shortly after he won the New Hampshire primary, that he would not allow openly gay, lesbian, or bisexuals to work for the government under his presidency. Milk club president Jeff Sheehy told a news radio reporter, "I think those are really bizarre definitions, open or not open. Why can't people just exist?"

Supervisor Tom Ammiano gave a short, impassioned speech to the group of around 30 people, saying the official rhetoric denouncing affirmative action and gay rights endorsed by the Republican Party for more than a decade is to blame.

"Now that they've created this Frankenstein," he said, "they're saying they don't agree with him. ... They have to take responsibility for giving

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Activists Elisa Soto (right) and Micki Schloss (left) demonstrated against the hate tactics of Pat Buchanan Feb. 23.

'Female Condoms' for Male-Male Sex

FDA Denies Reality to Gays

by Mike Salinas
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Although condoms will remain the best line of defense against AIDS for many years to come, manufacturing advances haven't kept up with the burgeoning market. Only the packaging has changed in nearly a century, and virtually all the products themselves are still latex balloons with all the limitations of rubber-based products.

Among other problems, latex condoms melt within seconds if rubbed with Vaseline or other oil-based lubricants. Friction causes them to tear fairly easily. They can bind, make erections difficult, and cause performance anxiety in many men. They can fall off. Putting them on interrupts foreplay. They reduce sensation. Latex allergies are becoming increasingly common. Latex smells and tastes bad.

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The invention, which was tested on Chicago gay male couples in a 1990 trial, is a wide tube of extremely thin plastic, about three times as big as a conventional condom, with a flexible

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Lesbians on the Move

Recognition, Just in Time for Women's History Month

by Mary Ann Swissler

Around the world, the month of March is Women's History Month. From San Francisco State University in the Sunset District, to Los Angeles, and back to the San Francisco's Women's Building in the Mission District, it is time for the accomplishments of women to be recognized.

Queer feminist leader Patricia Ireland will appear today (Thursday, February 29) from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Little Theater at San Francisco State University to give a speech on the topic "Women Speak Out On Affirmative Action."

Ireland, the National Organization of Women (NOW) president who made her story when she came out as a queer, will also be part of a workshop and panel discussion.

NOW is one of a coalition of groups behind the March to Fight the Right scheduled for Sunday, April 14 in San Francisco. Volunteers are needed. For information call (415) 436-9390.

LACE Honors Ocamb, Others

Former CBS producer Karen Ocamb, who since 1989 has become a prolific voice for gay and lesbian Los Angeles, in the *Bay Area Reporter* and other gay periodicals, will receive the Grassroots Activism Award this Saturday, March 2 from the Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Community Services

Center's annual Lesbian and Bisexual Women Active in Community Empowerment (LACE) Awards. Ocamb was one of six women nominated during Women's Night XIII.

Besides writing for the *B.A.R.*, Ocamb contributes to *OUT Magazine*, *POZ*, *The Advocate*, *Genre*, *Lesbian News*, and others. She has continued to do reporting and producing work in front and behind the camera on several L.A. cable shows.

Ocamb told the *B.A.R.* that she turned

away from a successful TV producing career in favor of one in the considerably lower paying gay press at around age 34. Her rationale at the time was, "If I didn't stop and experiment with what I thought were my dreams at the time, then I'd never do it, and I didn't want to live with any regret."

Last year, Ocamb received a GLAAD-San Diego award for Outstanding Journalism, as well as the 1995 Human Relations

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In the affirmative: NOW President Patricia Ireland speaks at SFSU today.

Gay Merced Man Sues WalMart

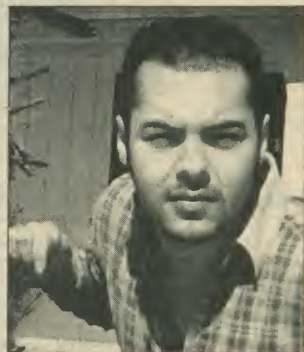
by Dennis Conkin

A 22-year-old Merced, California WalMart department manager who went through two years of supervisors' harassment and anti-gay job discrimination filed a federal civil rights sexual orientation lawsuit against the Arkansas-based mega-retailer Monday, February 19 in U.S. District Court.

Jose Nuño, Jr. filed the suit after he failed to receive promotions at the Merced store, and was subjected to anti-gay comments and harassment by several supervisors, including one who was later fired for sexually harassing subordinates on the job.

A native of the area who attended Merced High School, and a languages major who still attends Merced College, Nuño was hired to manage the paint and hardware department at the local WalMart store in 1994.

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Jose Nuño Jr.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

ACT UP/SF vs. GOP Bout Held As Judge Exits

by Dennis Conkin

San Francisco Municipal Court Judge Julie Tang recused herself Monday, February 26 from presiding at the misdemeanor vandalism trial of ACT UP/SF member Dave Pasquarelli — because she knew, had sought the election endorsement of, and vacationed with gay Republican Chris Bowman, a prosecution witness in the case.

The charges stem from a July 1995 incident when more than a dozen activists stormed the Van Ness Avenue headquarters of the San Francisco Republican Party, plastered the walls and office equipment with stickers and oil-based red handprints, and hung effigies of Republican officials, including Governor Pete Wilson and Senator Jesse Helms, from the fire escape.

The trial was rescheduled to Monday, March 18 in Department 16 of San Francisco Municipal Court.

The same day Tang withdrew, members of the controversial chapter of AIDS activists disrupted the Board of Supervisors' weekly meeting and served subpoenas ordering them to testify as witnesses in the trial.

The subpoenas were never personally handed to the supervisors, but dropped at the dais that separates the public from the members of the board.

Members of the group also

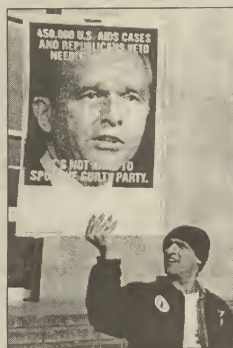


Photo: Jane Philomen Cleland

ACT UP/SF AIDS activists protested Feb. 26 outside the Hall of Justice.

stormed into the Health Department and served subpoenas to Health Department Director Sandra Hernandez and AIDS Office Director Mitch Katz.

"I don't know why I was served or that I was served properly," said Supervisor Susan Leal. "I'm probably not an expert. I know a lot but I don't know that I'm an expert. I know a lot because I like to know what's happening with my constituents and because of my own personal losses."

ACT UP attorney Mark Vermeulen told the *Bay Area Reporter* he is negotiating with the City Attorney's office over the validity of subpoenas ordering the city officials to appear. The subpoenas could be quashed because those served are public officials and were not percipient witnesses at last July's action.

Greater Harm

Four activists were initially arrested in the incident and charged with felony counts of burglary, vandalism, and conspiracy, but the charges were later reduced, and eventually all but one count of vandalism against Pasquarelli were dismissed.

Pasquarelli will try to mount a necessity defense, according to Vermeulen, who is confident that he will prevail in convincing Judge Charlene Mitchell Padovani to allow the legal strategy.

Pasquarelli maintains that he acted with a "reasonable belief" that the unlawful action would avert a greater harm — including cuts in federal AIDS programs such as the Ryan White Care Act, which brings more than \$40 million a year to San Francisco in AIDS funds.

Activists will also attempt to hand-deliver subpoenas to Wilson, Helms, and California Attorney General Dan Lungren to force the politicians to testify at the trial. ▼

At Castro and 18th:

Everybody's Lining Up For Same-Sex Marriage

by Mary Ann Swissler

Approximately 1,600 letters were collected last weekend in the Castro, protesting the passage of California's anti-gay marriage bill AB1982, a legislative advocate with the LIFE Lobby told the B.A.R.

The letters marked a significant improvement from the near-zero response that legislators reported getting from lesbians, gays, and supporters of the community before AB1982 passed the Assembly last month, said LIFE Lobby advocate Ellen B. McCormick.

She said that from visits through the capitol halls of Sacramento last week, "I get the sense

that it's going very well. Every office that we visited made it very clear that they have gotten mostly opposition to the bill, which is good."

But, she warned, the March 26 California Primary will most likely draw out Pat Buchanan, who would no doubt use the issue in "a three-ring circus that we have not seen in a long time. He would mobilize the radical right like we can't even imagine."

The Senate version of the bill will be voted on in the Judiciary Committee in late March or early April. Senators Jack O'Connell from Orange County and Nicholas Petris from Berkeley still seem to be siding with religious right

forces, according to McCormick.

McCormick said the Freedom To Marry Task Force will set up a table to collect more letters at 18th and Castro this Friday and Saturday, March 1 and 2. ▼

Senator O'Connell can be reached by phone at (916) 445-5405, and Senator Petris at (916) 445-6577. Letters to either or both can be sent to the California State Senate, State Capitol, Sacramento CA 95814. McCormick requested that copies be sent to the LIFE Lobby, 926 J Street, Suite 522, Sacramento CA 95814.

Catholic Charities Advocates Gay Rights in Public Policy

by Cynthia Laird

Catholic Charities of the East Bay released its new public policy agenda at a February 9 breakfast, in which it called for advocacy for the civil rights of gays and lesbians in the church and society.

The public policy agenda outlines the agency's plan to effect social change through its work in several areas, including housing and homelessness; immigration; poverty and welfare reform; family support; healthcare reform; human rights; violence and conflict resolution; and with youth and the elderly.

Catholic Charities lists several

actions in order to meet the objective of advocating for the civil rights of gays and lesbians, under the heading of human rights. They include working in conjunction with other community groups on issues of civil rights affecting the gay and lesbian community; encouraging the education of church leaders and parishioners about the civil rights and needs of the gay and lesbian community and families of gays and lesbians; and encouraging a non-discrimination policy for all diocesan agencies and programs.

Catholic Charities of the East Bay is the largest provider of social service programs in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, ac-

cording to a news release. Agency staff members work with volunteers to administer programs in counseling; employment, training and education; community and parish social ministry; and housing and emergency services.

Catholic Charities works in partnership with East Bay parishes and other community-based agencies. ▼

For a free copy of the Catholic Charities Public Policy Agenda, contact Greg Kepferle, associate director, at (510) 834-5656, ext. 3139, weekdays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

East Bay Queer Man To Be A Flaming Hero

Iversen Will Carry Olympic Torch;
Hormel Unable

by Mary Ann Swissler

East Bay AIDS activist John Iversen was among 59 honorees selected as a "Community Hero" by the United Way of the Bay Area to help carry the official Olympic Torch to the Summer Olympics in Atlanta, Georgia.

In the beginning of May, each person selected will be honored by carrying the torch for a half-mile along the 15,000-mile path. The flame will depart from Los Angeles on April 27 and travel through 42 states to arrive in time for the July 19 opening ceremony of the 1996 Summer Olympics.

Gay San Francisco resident James Hormel was also selected, but had to decline the request, according to his Office Manager Marcus Guerrero. Former commitments prevented Hormel from attending the February 15 reception for the Community Heroes and a number of former Olympians. Guerrero told the *Bay Area Reporter*. In addition, Hormel has just completed oral surgery, he said.

Iversen told the *B.A.R.* that he was nominated by Alameda County Housing and Community Development Specialist Katharine Gale.

Approximately 1,000 people were nominated, according to Iversen. "I feel honored because some of the people are really incredible, including people who risked their lives on the Cypress Freeway, and ADAPT members, which is the persons with disabilities version of ACT UP."

He added, "As far as I can tell, Jim [Hormel] and I were the only queers they chose."

"I hope by choosing a queer — and I call myself queer because I'm bisexual — that the United Way is sending the U.S. Olympic Committee a small message that queers contribute as much to the



Photo: Jane Philomen Cleland

John Iversen parodying Berkeley's mayor.

general community as anyone else, even though we're besieged by a plague."

Iversen has been the driving force behind ACT UP/East Bay on a number of issues, including AIDS housing and needle exchange. He said the public exposure available when carrying the Olympic torch will be another opportunity to be an activist. "I hope to raise AIDS awareness, especially regarding medical care," he told the *B.A.R.* ▼

Conant Gets National Award

by Mike Salinas

San Francisco physician Marcus Conant M.D. was honored with the Practitioner of the Year Award by the American Academy of Dermatology February 10 in Washington.

The award has been given by the academy annually since 1976, to recognize outstanding clinical service by an American practitioner. Awardees are selected based upon their accomplishments in research, teaching, publications, participation in professional societies, and clinical careers.

Conant, by now a world-recognized expert in HIV treatments, first became aware of AIDS through its early manifestation as an outbreak of Kaposi's Sarcoma among San Francisco gay men. Since then he has been instrumental in founding the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and the Kaposi's Sarcoma Clinic at the University of Washington, and has held several important positions, including medical director of the

national Public Health Project Against AIDS from 1987-1990; president of the board of directors of the National AIDS/KS Foundation from 1982-1984; and co-chair of the California AIDS Leadership Committee from 1988-1982.

Foundation President Howard V. Dubin praised the award recipient, saying, "Marc Conant's involvement with AIDS research and patient care dates back to the early 1980s and reflects the commitment of a scientist and practitioner to enormous medical and social issues."

"He has combined outstanding patient care with research, public advocacy, education, and leadership within the specialty. Few physicians have come forward on issues like AIDS and Kaposi's Sarcoma the way Marc has, and the Practitioner of the Year award honors the extraordinary degree of his commitment."

Conant's practice in San Francisco, the Conant Medical Group, serves more than 4,000 HIV-positive clients. ▼

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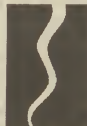
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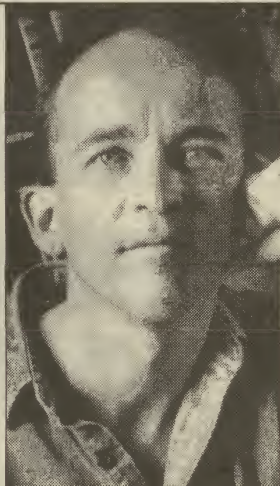
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High Spirits

Harvey's logo designer Joel Lamberto (left) enjoys some fruit of the vine with Keith Atkinson (right) while big-eyed bartender David Lugo-Schawen looks on at a party celebrating the bar's opening Feb. 23. The vintage was Harvey's house label wine, a product of Angel Creek Wineries, which donates a percentage of its profits to AIDS charities.

Alameda Changes Gay Position

by Cynthia Laird

On Tuesday, February 20 the Alameda City Council unanimously accepted a report on last fall's "Gay/Lesbian: Fact Not Fantasy" forum that signaled an apparent change in its attitude. Now members of Out On The Island, Alameda's gay and lesbian political organization, are gearing up for yet another attempt to get a gay pride proclamation passed later this year.

The council heard from Lois Workman, president of the city's Social Services Human Relations Board, which sponsored the gay/lesbian forum last October to publicly discuss facts on sexual orientation. The SSHRB-selected panel included academics, medical doctors, attorneys, and social workers.

At the time the forum was held, city leaders described it as being

divisive in the East Bay city.

However, after Workman's presentation last Tuesday, the council accepted the report and asked City Manager Bill Norton to look into recommendations it contained.

Among the SSHRB's recommendations is that the city use a taped broadcast of the forum to train city staff. Workman also urged the city to provide financial support to a local counseling center.

'Dignified, Sensitive, and Respectful'

Also at the meeting, Councilmember Al DeWitt publicly changed his position on sexual orientation.

"Al DeWitt said he no longer feels as he did last June," Out On The Island spokeswoman Christine Allen told the *Bay Area Reporter*. She added that DeWitt said he has "changed his position" on whether being gay was a personal choice.

She also said that DeWitt was "very dignified, sensitive, and respectful" when he spoke during the meeting's open forum session.

Last June, when members of the rapidly formed Out On The Island addressed the council, DeWitt was one of several who spoke

out against the city adopting a gay pride resolution.

DeWitt did state at the time that discrimination against homosexuals should not be tolerated in Alameda and that gays should "come out without fear of discrimination or hatred," but nevertheless said he could not support the resolution. Although he said nothing last week about how he would vote on a similar resolution if it comes before the council this year, his shift in position is seen as a major step forward for Alameda gay people.

Allen said she and others in the group are very happy with the city's response to Workman's report. She told the *B.A.R.* that things like providing a community forum allow people in the community to become more educated, and information provided at the forum can lead to a change in people's attitudes.

Since Out On The Island was formed last year, the group has taken an active and visible role in local events. Mayor Ralph Appenzato has stated that he would be favorably inclined towards a gay pride proclamation, if it comes before the council later this year — specifically because of the many contributions Out On The Island has made to the community. ▼

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In Berkeley, Pacific Center's New Program Is Working

by Mary Ann Swissler

The Pacific Center for Human Growth, the East Bay's largest provider of low-cost mental health services and peer support groups to the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community, will begin a collaboration with a gay and lesbian-oriented employment service. According to Robert Fuentes, executive director of Pacific Center, the partnership will benefit both Pacific Center and its clients who want a job or who want a better job.

Starting April 1, Careerstreet Resources owner David P. Newman told the *B.A.R.*, he will hold career development workshops at the Pacific Center, located at 2712 Telegraph Avenue in Berkeley.

The weekly workshops will include information on confronting corporate homophobia, fine-tuning resumes, how to conduct a job search, and other important issues for jobseekers.

Fuentes commented that while the career development seminars represent an expansion beyond Pacific Center's role in providing counseling and peer support groups, they are also grounded in the center's history. "It seems like a departure," he said, "but it's actually in our original mission statement to provide career opportunities counseling."

Newman said that he contacted Fuentes two weeks ago at a seminar in the East Bay, and they were able to work out an arrangement that would benefit both sides: half the cost of the seminars at the Pacific Center will go back to the organization. ▼

The cost of the seminar is \$49, half of which is tax-deductible. For more information, or to register, call Robert Fuentes at (510) 548-8283, or David Newman at (415) 675-9925.

Carpenters' Union Sued for Firing Transsexual

by Dennis Conkin

The San Francisco City Attorney's office will go to Superior Court to seek a subpoena on behalf of transsexual former union organizer Roxanne Bourbonaiss, who has filed a discrimination complaint with the Human Rights Commission against the Bay Counties District Council of Carpenters.

But, according to a union lawyer, the agency has no jurisdiction or case to investigate.

That's because the union never employed Roxanne Bourbonaiss, Oakland attorney Michael Roger contends — it employed Tom Bourbonaiss, the complainant's former male persona. Roger added that the Human Rights Commission should take its "best shot" against the union before an "appropriate tribunal."

Bourbonaiss told the B.A.R. that, as Tom, he had experienced other problems with discrimination by union supervisors and employers because of his American Indian heritage and religious beliefs — but that the transsexual discrimination began in 1993, shortly after he realized he was tired of living a lie.

The transgender discrimination began when Bourbonaiss began transitioning from male to female, part of which initially included having her nails professionally manicured and her ears pierced. When she was later transferred to different union offices, she was the subject of inter-office communication containing thinly-veiled discriminatory comments.

One memo reviewed by the *Bay Area Reporter* detailed a San Francisco union chapter concern that Bourbonaiss's appearance was "inappropriate for San Francisco" and complained that "multiple earrings in each ear and long polished fingernails" failed to "project the professional image that allows a union to be most effective in downtown San Francisco." Bourbonaiss wore jeans or pants while employed.

Bourbonaiss contacted the Human Rights Commission about the discrimination for mediation of the situation, to no avail.

The carpenters' council terminated "Mr. Thomas" Bourbonaiss in November 1995, while she was on a forced unpaid leave, saying she had used all of her unpaid leave and her position had been eliminated in the meantime.

"They won't acknowledge Roxanne, they fought me on my medical benefits, and denied me a worker's compensation claim," Bourbonaiss told the *Bay Area Reporter*.



Photo: Jane Philomen Celand

MTF Roxanne Bourbonaiss

City Jurisdiction?

The rare legal action by the HRC was undertaken after numerous attempts to mediate fell through, according to HRC investigator and acting coordinator of the agency's Lesbian/Gay/HIV/AIDS unit Larry Brinkin.

"When we first respond to discrimination complaints we always make a plea for mediation. Nine times out of ten whatever the issue is can be resolved with mediation," Brinkin said.

One of the claims of the Bay Council is that the city does not have jurisdiction — but, according to Brinkin, because some of the alleged acts occurred in San Francisco, the city has jurisdiction to review the allegations because they may form part of a pattern of discrimination.

A landmark city ordinance was passed in January 1995 that for-

bids contractors and others doing business with the City and County of San Francisco to discriminate in employment on the basis of

transgender orientation.

Bourbonaiss told the *Bay Area Reporter* that she became aware that she was transgendered when

she was eight years old. Pursuant to court decrees, her driver's license and official documents state that she is of the female gender. ▼

Milk Dems

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birth to [this] baby."

Before leaving, Ammiano said, "San Francisco people are much better than that — and we will stand up to that."

Also on hand was ACT UP/San Francisco member David Pasquarelli, who is scheduled to go to court for his part in his unauthorized "redecorating" of the GOP headquarters with hand prints in red oil-based paint, to symbolize the blood on the hands of the Republican Party. [See story, page two.]

A minor confrontation took place between Pasquarelli and oxymoronic gay Republican activist Justin Raimondo, who was the sole Republican on hand to defend Buchanan's vow to restore God to government. When asked what, as an openly gay man, he thinks about Buchanan's denouncement of legal protections for gays and lesbians and with other minorities, Raimondo told Pasquarelli, "People have the right to discriminate. You can't legislate morality."

When pressed about Biblical laws — the Ten Commandments and others — under which Buchanan has promised to operate, Raimondo appeared dumbfounded. He told the *Bay Area Reporter*, "Those are optional."

While the number of actual demonstrators appeared to be dwarfed by news reporters there to transmit their message, the constantly honking horns and waves from passing vehicles seemed to please many of the organizers.

Micki Schloss of the Progressive Voters Network said he was pleased with the turn-out. "It's a working day and so many of our people are working people," he said. "We're reminding Pat Buchanan that we're Americans too," he said.

Supervisors Angela Alioto and Carole Migden released statements through their aides. Jerry Windley of Alioto's office told the crowd, "[Buchanan's] continued attacks on the lesbian and gay community is being used to rally a fringe element in this country and promote increased attacks, both verbal and physical, against lesbians and gay men. Hate crimes are on the increase in this country, and every time Mr. Buchanan opens his mouth, it signals approval to many that anger and physical violence are appropriate methods of action."

Migden released a statement to the B.A.R. saying, "Pat Buchanan's remarks are despicable and hypocritical. ... If he doesn't think lesbians and gays should have jobs, then we will rise as a community to ensure that it is Pat Buchanan who doesn't have a job this November." ▼

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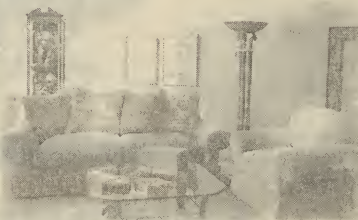
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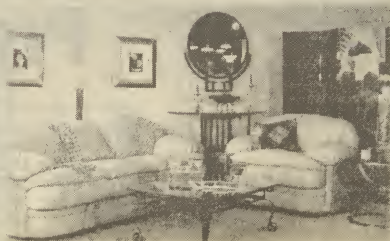
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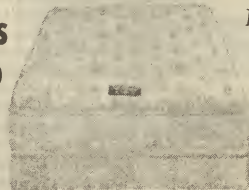
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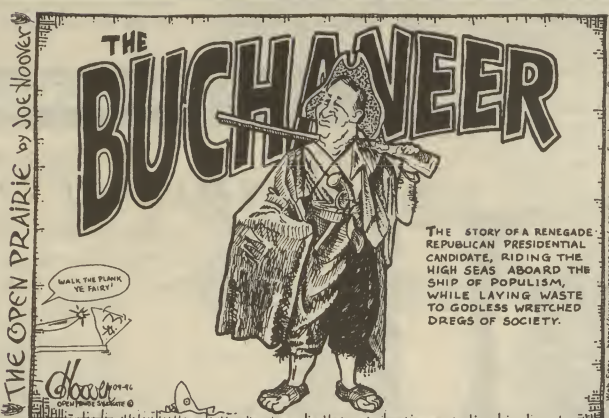
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EDITORIAL

Military and Preparedness

For the last two years we've watched television commercials urging the youth of America to join the Armed Forces to be all they can be, and muttering to ourselves as the ads fade out, "Sorry, offer does not apply to gays and lesbians."

The ridiculous policy of enforced secrecy that covers homosexual servicemembers is contrary to the whole notion of being all we are, and, as the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network pointed out this week, it does not apply to straight people. In the last 24 months "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" has been considerably shortened, to "Don't Tell."

Heterosexuals are still free to ask, apparently — whether they have grounds or not — and were, in fact, free last year to discharge the largest number of gays and lesbians since 1991. It's just gay people who seem to be affected by the policy, by not being able to have public lives.

The policy that is now failing us so miserably was sold to the American people as "necessary for morale" — once again ignoring gay people: if you inquire about their morale, they'll probably tell you "don't ask." The lives of American servicemembers are tough enough without making them hide the existence of their lovers (or even their dreams of finding one), and we think anything that makes their lives so much worse should be scrapped.

If the people at the Pentagon really want to improve morale, they can invest in shuffleboard sets or GameBoys. Gays and lesbians are not morale breakers; we are not disruptions; we are not violations; we are people. When is the government going to get that?

Another thing that the government doesn't get, apparently, is that HIV can be spread through anal sex.

Yes, that's amazing, but it seems to be true. The federal Food and Drug Administration has made it clear to at least one manufacturer so far that the agency is not interested in clearing for condoms for anal sex. Not because the condoms in question were unstudied (they weren't) or defective (they weren't), but because of the existence of ancient and ridiculous sodomy laws around the country.

The statement, as we heard (and triple-checked) it from the manufacturing company of Reality condoms, was "Because sodomy is illegal in many states, we cannot support an anal con-

dom." The director of the FDA department in question denied to the B.A.R. there is a bias against studying the subject at the agency — but we have to wonder, if that is so, why it hasn't happened after nearly two decades of this epidemic.

We know one thing: even with sodomy laws in many states, men are still getting infected through anal sex. This myopia is another example of bureaucrats ignoring the reality of this disease, in favor of the appearance of decorum (others are needle exchange, condom advertising restrictions, condom programs in schools ... the list is a long one, unfortunately). But if anyone at the FDA is disturbed by thinking about gay men poking each other rectally, we encourage them to come see the end result of their squeamishness. Those include diarrhea, blindness, dementia (shit: another long list, which most B.A.R. readers no longer need spelled out), and other ailments that can make it pretty tough to maintain decorum. Cornholing, by comparison, is nothing.

The refusal of the FDA to go ahead with further studies on the anal uses of so-called "female condoms" — or anal condoms, or internal condoms, or whatever you want to call them — has doubtless led to loss of life. There is virtually no difference between this horror story and the kind where abusive parents slowly starve their kids to death, except that those parents may have to suffer some painful consequences. Not so the FDA, the very agency that sick people in this country are supposed to be able to rely on for some kind of parental supervision. And now we know for sure the folks don't care if we die.

The FDA's action to take no action occurred in 1992, during the Bush Administration. We wish we could say things are different there now, but the same people hold those jobs now. That may be some of the problem. With so many unfulfilled promises to us (another very long list), President Clinton could at least start overturning his predecessor's mistakes and recognizing that the FDA needs to research condoms for anal sex. Now.

And if all that stands in the way of that vital anal condom research is a bunch of sodomy laws, they must be overturned, by Presidential proclamation, if necessary.

It's time for America to get a grip on Reality. ▼

GUEST OPINION

Protease Inhibitors — Who Gets Access?

by Katie Krauss,
ACT UP/Golden Gate

This week, FDA advisory panels will consider whether to approve two new protease inhibitors, Ritonavir and Crixivan, for use against HIV disease. These new drugs, along with Saquinavir, represent the most powerful tools yet in the fight against AIDS — but thousands of Californians who receive drugs through the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) will not be able to have them.

ADAP is a public program that provides free AIDS drugs to people who cannot afford them. The California ADAP has had to shift funds to cover an anticipated \$4 million shortfall and would need an additional \$9 million to add the three protease inhibitors to its formulary. Meanwhile, AIDS drug programs in other states are running out of money: New York State recently cut the number of drugs on its ADAP by two-thirds because it had exhausted its resources.

The drug programs are going broke because new combination therapies, like AZT + 3TC, are bringing in people who have rejected antiretrovirals in the past and because insurance companies are driving people into the ADAP as they cut back on prescription coverage and institute caps. Activists and AIDS organizations have also played a role by publicizing the program and bringing in needy clients. Utilization is up, but the budget for the ADAP has not kept pace with demand.

In response to this crisis, AIDS organizations across the country have banded together to help advocate for more money, and the Clinton Administration is considering two proposals to fund the program. One, to propose a \$54 million increase to the ADAP as part of an "Omnibus Appropriations" bill, would only make up the budget shortfall in state programs, not pay for new drugs; AIDS activists are calling for an additional \$75 million for FY 1996 instead. Clinton may also include ADAP funding in a one-time, emergency relief bill. Meanwhile, people with AIDS are running out of time while critically needed drugs are sitting on pharmacy shelves around the country.

In the next two weeks, federal lawmakers will be hammering out compromises on these proposals that will either provide new drugs to thousands of PWAs or deny them access for months or years. Public policy makers, such as President Clinton, Rep. Newt Gingrich and California Health Services Director Kim Belshé, need to know how important the ADAP is to people with AIDS. This is the time for us to tell our stories to people who have the power to grant us access to the new drugs.

We must show AIDS policymakers how much we need this program, by telling them about times when we had the drugs we needed for ourselves and our friends, and times when we did not. And what it can mean to get access to Crixivan or another new drug.

Belshé recently decided to delay even trying to add Saquinavir to the California ADAP, so that the State Office of AIDS could evaluate which protease inhibitor will prove most effective. We must let her know that Californians need access to Saquinavir, and all promising AIDS therapies immediately, because each person with AIDS is different and people are dying every day. Not only will we educate these officials about the priorities of people with AIDS, but we will give them ammunition to help convince others to increase funding to the program.

Contact these public officials this week and tell them that we need enough money to pay for new treatments on the AIDS Drug Assistance Program. (It's okay to call Belshé after March 10.) The fight against AIDS means following through on the promise of AIDS research: it means access to new treatments. People with AIDS can't wait. And tell Belshé that all the protease inhibitors must be added to the ADAP now.

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LETTERS

Self-defense offense

Who does gay activist Dave Pasquarelli think he is with his phony claim of self-defense — one of the Menendez brothers?

In the past two years there have been cases of home invasion robberies where thugs have crashed into homes and offices and intimidated the occupants therein.

So it is with these gay activist bully thugs when they broke into the office of the Republican Central Committee and terrorized the people who were inside. Is this any different than a home or business invasion?

Dearest editor, how would you like it if thugs who disagreed with your editorials and policies came into your Ninth St. offices and terrorized your staff and damaged your office equipment? Would they have a justification of self-defense because they perceive your paper to spread morally bankrupt propaganda?

It seems that anything done in the name of gay rights and AIDS in particular justifies any criminal act with the hypocritical statement that it was done in "self-defense." You ought to assign your staff counsel to do some research about self-defense before you continue spreading such ill-worded propaganda.

Andrew Betancourt
San Francisco

[The dearest editor responds: We're not spreading, we're reporting. That's our job. Readers can and will draw their own justifications. That's their job.]

No magic marker

After reading ACT UP/Golden Gate's article regarding the new "hope" of viral load testing ("Confirming the Use of Viral Load Tests," February 8), one can only wonder where the supposed importance of this surrogate marker lies. Considering the majority of data backing it are from pharmaceutical companies and a University of Pittsburgh study that only correlates a 1.5 year delay of the onset of AIDS, what's all the big news about?

Here is what they aren't telling you about their fabulous new surrogate marker. By concentrating exclusively on the circulating blood, which these tests measure is a minuscule corner of a much bigger picture. Research indicates that retrovirus-infected cells produce progeny viruses most of which are noninfectious. [Layne S.P. et al. *J. Virol.*, 1991, 259(1749).] Combined along with this are the large amounts of noninfectious viral particles circulating in the blood mainly due to viral shedding. Therefore, this supposedly more accurate marker fails to measure the level of actively replicating proviral DNA in the rest of the body. There is no mention of the lymph nodes, spleen or mucosal tissues, which are the primary locations of HIV-infected cells. [Sei S et al. *Journal of Infectious Diseases*, 1994 Aug, 170(2):325-33.] By focusing on the virus rather than the effect it has on the cellular immune system, researchers are again ignoring the critical role that antigen-presenting cells have in controlling the virus and its associated infections. Not surprising since their importance has long been buried in favor of AIDS Inc.'s most worthless marker — CD4 counts.

But now we have a new, even more dubious marker that measures not only disease progression but treatment efficacy. The sales pitch is load up on antivirals with a protease inhibitor and suppress your viral load to next to nothing. But according to a study by Verhofstede et al., they "could establish no or only very small changes in proviral DNA level after [antiviral] therapy." [AIDS, 1994 Oct., 8(10):1421-7.] Again, the AIDS establishment seems all too eager to accept a new surrogate marker because it shows how effective combination antiviral treatment is, regardless of the toxic side effects it has on the cellular immune system. Sounds chillingly familiar to the "progress" made with antiviral monotherapy a few years back.

Perhaps Matthew Sharp would do well to listen to noted AIDS researcher Jay Levy who, in the latest issue of *Science*, calls into question the effect that toxic antiviral therapy along with CD4 and viral load markers has on the cellular immune system: "A major target in therapy should be the source of the virus — the virus-infected cell — and not only its products, so that significant effects on viral load and clinical outcome might be achieved." [Science, 1996 Feb, 2, 271:670-671.]

Since the presence of cytotoxic T lymphocytes against HIV-1 has been correlated with a more favorable clinical outcome [Sei S et al., *ibid.*] and long-term nonprogressors have an elevated level of CD8 cells, it is becoming glaringly obvious that these cells and the arm of the immune system that controls them are vital in controlling this disease. It is shameful that AIDS activists have been radically understating their importance for the last decade, for it is clear that any hope for effective treatments lie in this direction. But focusing on the immune system and the toxic side effects of these unproven therapies has never been high on ACT UP/Golden Gate's priorities. Matthew Sharp perhaps put it best in last week's [2/8] article: "The biggest issue regarding viral load is not whether it works, but whether people with AIDS can access the test." Haven't we had enough?

Todd Swindell
ACT UP/San Francisco

Milk event

On Thursday evening, February 15, the Harvey Milk Institute, the world's largest lesbian/gay/bisexual/trans/queer continuing educational program, hosted a Town Hall Meeting to meet Mayor Willie Brown. As executive director, I would like to thank the many, many people who attended, and our incredible MC, Joan Jett Blakk, who met tempers with cheek. Supervisor Leal spoke with the audience and Mayor Brown arrived around 7:15 p.m. and stayed until approximately 8:45 p.m. (longer than planned). A few in the audience seemed to blame the Harvey Milk Institute for being unable to control the mayor's schedule.

A rich, productive exchange developed, and most were very pleased to be able to personally address the mayor early in his term. The Harvey Milk Institute is an all-volunteer run organization and we are extremely proud to have been able to put this free event together for our very diverse communities.

Kevin Schaub
Executive Director
Harvey Milk Institute

Some advice for da mayor

If the recent town hall meeting in the Castro to meet the new Mayor is any indication of how Mayor Brown intends to "include" his gay/lesbian/bi constituents, then we must not be worth including or be worth his 'valuable' time. I'm sure his gay liaison, Dean Goodwin, and other gays will apologize profusely for his bad manners, but his incredible rudeness and arrogance being marketed by the media as 'a sense of style and class' makes me puke. I waited for over an hour for 'Da Mayor' to show up or to get an explanation as to where he was and never got one before leaving to do better things than sitting around waiting for him. Since the citizens of San Francisco are still in a 'honeymoon period' and everyone wants to give the man a chance to prove himself, I'll give him some critical human relations advice, since whoever consults him on these matters doesn't seem to be getting through to him.

1. Don't make commitments that you can't keep!
2. Show up on time!
3. Actions speak much louder than words!

If Mayor Brown wants his gay/lesbian/bi constituents to treat him with the courtesy, decency and respect that each human being deserves, he'd better change his ways and provide us with courtesy, decency and respect. If he doesn't, no matter how much he (and his administration) "talk" about inclusion, that's all it'll be, talk, and nobody will believe he cares at all about our concerns — sort of like Bill Clinton.

Shawn O'Hearn
San Francisco

Wart study

We were pleased to see the recent article by Rob Sabados [1/18] calling attention to the problem of genital warts and their possible significance for the health of HIV positive individuals.

While it is hypothesized that HPV (wart virus) is a factor towards the development of anal cancer, this has yet to be established. To that end, we are performing a longitudinal natural history study of anal cancer and its precursors, now in its 5th year. We have followed over 500 men with serial PAP smears, anoscopy exams and biopsies when indicated to evaluate for both warts and the precancerous changes mentioned in the article. We would be happy to answer questions about anal warts or dysplasia elicited by the article, and can be reached at (415) 476-2909.

UCSF Anal Cancer Study
Naomi Jay, RNC, NP, Michael Berry, MD
Joel Palefsky, MD, Principal investigator

Lily Tomlin on the front line

What the hell's going on in this community? Have so many gotten so bored that they need to attack their own just to stir up some shit?

Let's see: no titleholders have been trashed, no columnists are slamming one another, there's no "drug du jour" that will cure AIDS once and for all ... hmmm ... who can we jump all over? Hey ... Lily Tomlin's blowin' into town sometime soon ... let's get her! Didn't you hear she's "coming out" in public at the Castro Theater for all the world to see? It's gotta be true, I read it in a letter to the editor right here in the B.A.R.! And on, and on, and on.

Folks, people like Ms. Tomlin have been soldiers on the front line before many of you reading this were old enough to know if you were gay or not. "Coming out" does not always have to be accompanied by a marching band. Some choose to "come out" simply by living their lives with heads held high and making their opinions and stances public domain.

It is far more important that people, straight or gay, "come out" against intolerance of any sort. Encourage your non-gay friends and gay friends to "come out" against the infliction of pain and suffering amongst any group. "Coming out" really should have nothing to do with whom you sleep, it should be based on what you, loudly and boldly, refuse to condone.

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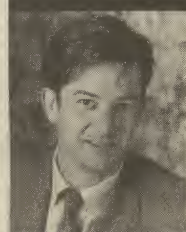
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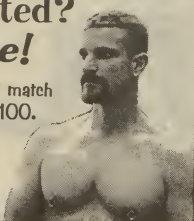
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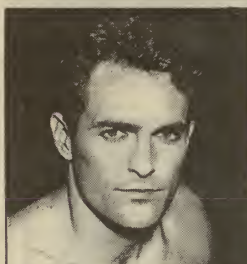
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Subject of the moment

Thanks to Mr. Marcus for his coverage of the Jan. 27 ETVC Pageant/Cotillion (Feb. 1, "Life Can Be A Drag"). There are many connections between people into leather, drag, and those who are transgendered (living full or part time in their preferred gender identity). ETVC has become an increasingly diverse group, consisting of straight, bi, gay and transgendered men and women who often participate in court and other gay community shows and events. After winning the first "Mr. ETVC" title in '94, it is heartening to see awareness and understanding between various facets of our overall community continue to grow. It was also a special treat personally to see my photo in the B.A.R. for the first time, as a "subject" greeting the newly crowned Miss ETVC (Community News, p. 4). Thanks again.

Francis Vavra
Mr. ETVC '94

Support for queer youth

I am writing on behalf of the Lavender Youth Recreation and Information Center (LYRIC) in response to a letter you published from Alfonso China last week [2/15] about Loren Cameron's photo show at LYRIC. Apparently, Mr. China had some questions about the age policy as stated on the flyer promoting the event. (The flyer did clearly state that this was "An event for all lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth 23 and under, and the staff and board of LYRIC.")

LYRIC events (except for board meetings and fundraisers) are intended to be by and for queer youth 23 and under. This policy is not meant to offend the members of our community who are over 23. It is intended to reflect the fact that we are a youth agency with an emphasis on peer leadership, support, and empowerment. As the city's only gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender agency that focuses solely on youth, LYRIC gives the youth of our community an opportunity to build their leadership skills while creating support for themselves. In addition we provide the only space in the Castro where queer youth can go to hang out and meet others like themselves in a clean and sober environment.

I apologize to Mr. China and his partner for any inconvenience or misunderstanding caused by our flyer. LYRIC always welcomes feedback from the community. Community members who wish to discuss our program or policies (or find out how you can help support queer youth!) are invited to call our office at 703-6150.

Anne Mattis
LYRIC Youth Talkline Coordinator

Rejecting culture

On the same day we received the news of the passing of Scott Beach, an outstanding person of culture who happened to be gay, who did not hesitate to play the recordings of the great African-American singer and actor Paul Robeson on KKKH, we were informed that less than 25 percent of American schoolteachers put a high priority on teaching classical and modern literature, a cornerstone of culture, which brought forth another memory of an earlier society that put guns before butter.

My mother would often remind me that the reason her parents sent her to a Swiss boarding school was not only because the Nazi teachers of fascist Germany gave her a perfect math test, but also because the quality of education had sunk so low that culture was no longer taught or honored.

Since it is culture that makes us human, a society that rejects culture rejects its own humanity and its own existence. Only by putting an end to the war machine and embracing peace can humanity survive and progress.

Lee Heller
San Francisco

Discriminatory laws

[The following letter was sent to California State Senator Bill Lockyer, Sacramento:]

Dear Senator Lockyer:

The Marin County Human Rights Commission (HRC) is opposed to AB 1882, which calls on the State of California to invalidate marriages between individuals of the same gender, which have been contracted outside of the state.

The HRC reaffirms its support for equal opportunity for all Americans without regard to race, creed, color, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation or disability; and supports the concept of marriages as a constitutional right that should not be denied because of a person's sexual orientation.

Our community has not forgotten the years in this county and this state when anti-miscegenation laws prevented inter-racial marriages between Whites and Asians. Members of our community were forced to leave California in order to marry the one they loved. These laws were later ruled unconstitutional by the United States Supreme Court.

Discriminatory attitudes were the motivating force behind such laws back then. It is incumbent upon all of us to be vigilant and not allow homophobia to guide our laws today.

Dennis Y. Sato, Chair
Marin Human Rights Commission

Chip 'n' Dale: Now the truth can be told

This "International Bear Week" celebration of large, stout fellows is fine - but many of us admire small, slight men. How about an "International Chipmunk Week"?

John Newmeyer
San Francisco

Rim shot

I think that repeatedly showing unprotected rimming is not a good idea. You know, that is a very good way to get Cryptosporidium. And you know that is difficult to treat, if not impossible to treat.

I just wrote Falcon.

Daniel L. McCord
San Francisco

More on crypto

I attended most meetings of Carole Migden's Task Force on Cryptosporidium in San Francisco's drinking water. There are a few facts that weren't reported on that I would like to mention.

As the meetings progressed, the very real danger of Crypto in S.F. water to immunocompromised individuals became more apparent. But two people on the panel consistently down played this danger. These two were S.F. employees Steve Leonard of the P.U.C. for water and Dr. Mitch Katz of the Health Dept.

Steve Leonard repeatedly gave his "purest alpine water in the U.S.A." speech until the general mood of the other panelists made him stop. However, from Steve we learned a few facts about S.F.'s water system.

The most revealing fact relating to water purity is that S.F. water is not filtered; it is chemically treated. There is nothing specific against crypto! Some of the water goes through sand, but that has no effect on crypto.

One of the panelists had the presence of mind to ask, "Is the sand ever changed?" "Oh, yes," Steve Leonard replied, but with no information on when or how often this was done.

At the end, however, Leonard did agree that some water warning for immunocompromised individuals should be issued.

But the one person who was the most persistent in holding out against any water warnings was Dr. Mitch Katz of the Health Dept. Mitch consistently stuck to his premise that getting crypto is primarily an oral-anal sexual thing. I think most people would agree that that is the most common route of transmission; however, that doesn't eliminate the very real danger of crypto in our drinking water.

Mitch Katz says he is no homophobe for his warning of the oral-anal sexual transmission of crypto. That is correct. But he is a homophobe for dismissing S.F.'s drinking water as the route of transmission, for his talk of oral-anal sexual contact. Mitch Katz comes off as an unabashed careerist who is no friend to the AIDS or gay community.

Some other facts about S.F. drinking water came out, no thanks to Steve or Mitch. S.F. primarily gets its drinking water from the Hetch Hetchy reservoir in Yosemite Park. Well, we found out that the headwaters for Hetch Hetchy, in the High Sierras, are used by roughly thirty-thousand backpackers, hikers and day picnickers every season. These headwaters are also used to stable the mules and horses for Yosemite vacationers.

This is important to know since by far the most dangerous source for Crypto comes from humans and their domesticated animals.

A crypto outbreak in S.F. is a certain eventuality, particularly during the rainy season; which, by the way, is right now. Also be aware that by bringing tap water to a boil is the only sure way of knowing crypto is eliminated from your water; it is definitely the cheapest option for water purity.

Forest Baker
ACT UP/San Francisco

Foul ball

The S.F. Giants are actively courting gay voters to support their new stadium desires (Roberta Achtenberg et al.) This from professional baseball, which has never allowed an out-of-the-closet gay to participate in the sport. There have recently been two ex-participants, one an umpire, the other a player, who have written of how extremely homophobic that sport is and how it was absolutely necessary for them to stay in the closet while actively involved.

For professional baseball to now want our support at the polls would be like asking blacks for their support in the pre-Jackie Robinson days, when they were not allowed to participate.

Much has been made of the Giants having an "Until There's a Cure" day last season. I find it strangely coincidental that, 15 years into this disease, they should suddenly have this "day" at the same time as they are trying to line up gay voter support.

The day that they allow an out-of-the-closet gay man to play professional baseball is the day that they will get my support.

Richard Jorasch
San Francisco



Photo: Rick Gerhart

Treatment Updates

Dr. Paul Volberding (with mike) gives updates on HIV treatments to major donors at a Feb. 26 reception of the UCSF AIDS Health Project. He discussed the recent Jeff Getty baboon marrow transplant and protease inhibitors.

Pat and Re-Pat

Pat Buchanan: the name strikes fear in the hearts of those same Republicans who only last election took control of both houses of Congress and were gloating that the White House was next on their list. However, now well into a string of primaries to determine the Republican nominee against Bill Clinton this November, the party of Lincoln, Eisenhower and Rockefeller finds itself on a suicide slide that could spell disaster on all fronts, not just the retaking of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

Commentary

The reason? TV commentator and rabble-rouser Pat Buchanan. With Buchanan's slim (one percentage point) but significant win in New Hampshire last week, all bets are now off on who the GOP nominee will be coming out of the August convention in San Diego. His strong showings in primaries this week — even his third place "win" in Delaware Saturday is considered important by most observers — means he no longer has to finish first every time to be a force to be reckoned with. This guy, like it or not, has arrived.

The Buchanan Express, racing from state to state and fueled by the candidate's repeatedly blasting abortion, gay rights, immigration, NAFTA, etc., spells big trouble for the Republicans, and they know it. Buchanan's appeal to blue-collar workers and his adoption by the well-organized and well-financed religious right promise to make California's March 26 primary, with its winner-take-all 163 delegates on the line, a battlefield for the GOP.

Clearly, the Grand Old Party's game at the moment is simply "Stop Buchanan." But who has the best chance? **Bob Dole**, who spent much of the week retooling his organization, and **Lamar Alexander** seem to be the most obvious choices, but Alexander doesn't have the resources or the organization.

Millionaire **Steve Forbes** certainly has the resources, but he may have peaked already, despite his win in Delaware. Unless Forbes comes up with some unexpected wins in primaries in the next couple of weeks, he is unlikely to pour more of his millions into a hopeless cause.

Look for party insiders to very soon convince Indiana Senator **Richard Lugar** to drop out of the running. The five percent he received in New Hampshire probably would have gone to Dole and given him a win there.

That leaves a decidedly nasty and divisive convention battle between Bob Dole and the homophobic darling of the Religious Far Out. If Buchanan pulls off the

upset of all time and actually wins California, San Diego will see a locked fight between Buchanan and his own party.

Bob Dole, regardless of the outcome in the primaries, is in for the long haul. Lamar Alexander will likely be forced out one way or another by August, no doubt throwing his support to Dole, perhaps as part of a deal (a Dole/Alexander ticket?).

Brokering at the convention will be hot and very hardball. Buchanan will be aiming for a very large piece of the political pie — like setting the Republican agenda, i.e., writing the platform — no matter what happens between now and then.

In a crunch, look for the Senate majority leader to try to entice **Colin Powell** onto the ticket in the number-two spot before the GOP delegates hit Southern California. Even a Dole-Powell ticket will have a tough time beating Bill Clinton, and the Republicans know it. But they also know that letting Pat Buchanan carry the party torch against the resurgent president would mean a disaster of epic proportions.

Buchanan would be the **Barry Goldwater** of 1996, and he would probably return control of the U.S. Senate to the Democrats as well. Though the Republican powers-that-be are not 100 percent behind Dole, they are almost all united against Pat Buchanan.

Fulsome Phyllis

And are you at all surprised that homophobe **Phyllis Schlafly** was recently named a national co-chair of the Buchanan campaign? I wonder what her gay son thought about her "honor." I wonder if he's still living at home with mom. My bet is that he thinks we've probably misinterpreted Pat and Mom's "pro-family" pronouncements.

In Cleveland, Ohio, city paramedics **Derek Harris** and **Lauren Akits** were suspended last week without pay for refusing to enter the home of an AIDS patient. In Charleston, W. Va., a postal carrier who refused to deliver mail to the home of a couple with AIDS has been fired. The carrier, the enlightened **Tim Snodgrass**, claimed he was afraid of cutting himself on the mail slot or becoming infected from envelopes or stamps the couple might have licked.

In Salt Lake City in a classic case of cutting off your nose to spite your face, the Board of Education recently banned all nonacademic clubs, effective this fall, to avoid having to allow students at East High to form a gay-straight student alliance. Federal law says schools must allow all extracurricular clubs or none.

Gunderson's guarantee: Wisconsin Representative **Steve Gunderson**, the only openly gay Republican congressman, vowed

last week that GOP presidential candidate Pat Buchanan's "politics of exclusion, intolerance, and raw bigotry" would not capture the Republican Party. Gunderson, who is retiring this year, made the remarks in D.C. at the annual dinner of the Log Cabin Federation, which represents 10,000 gay and lesbian Republicans in 35 states. Last year, Bob Dole made headlines when he returned — and then apologized for returning — a \$1,000 contribution from the group. Representatives from Dole, Alexander, Forbes, and Lugar attended the dinner.

A belated Happy 64th Birthday to one of the gay and lesbian community's best friends, **Forbes's** friend **Elizabeth Taylor**, who tells reporters that she is nearly fully recovered from a serious back operation and is ready to "hit the road again" in her continuing fight against AIDS. La Liz guest starred on four — count 'em four — CBS sitcoms Monday night, hawking her Black Pearls perfume line that had problems getting off the ground last year. Since the generous Ms. Taylor almost always donates profits from her products to various AIDS causes, let's hope Black Pearls winds up, well, in the black.

Saying that **Magic Johnson** "doesn't understand the realities of war," House Speaker **Newt Gingrich** recently rejected the basketball star's appeal on behalf of HIV-infected soldiers. Johnson had urged Gingrich and Senate Majority Leader **Bob Dole** to support President Clinton's decision to fight in Congress and the courts a policy that discharges military personnel with the virus.

Maybe it's just a sign of the times — or karma — but many in Washington could barely contain their glee last week when D.C. bookstores began proffering stacks of **Gingrich's To Renew America** at half price.

California's popular Democratic Party chairman **Bill Press** resigned last week to become a liberal commentator on Washington-based CNN's *Crossfire*. Former state Assemblyman **Art Torres** will serve as acting chair until the April convention, when he is likely to be elected to complete Press's four-year term.

Well, why not? In Virginia City, Nev., **Jessi Winchester**, a 54-year-old Republican and former prostitute who quit the profession last year to compete in the Mrs. Nevada International Pageant, announced last week that she is a candidate for that state's second congressional district seat.

Respected activist **John Newmeyer** invites you to a fundraiser/reception at his San Francisco home next Tuesday, March 5, for Democratic Assembly candidate **Ken Yeager** of San Jose's 23rd District. Call 408/271-9040 for more information. ▼



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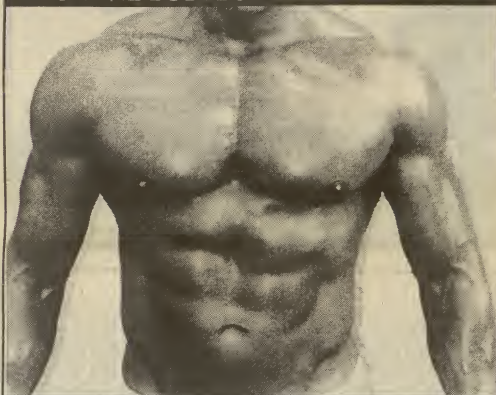
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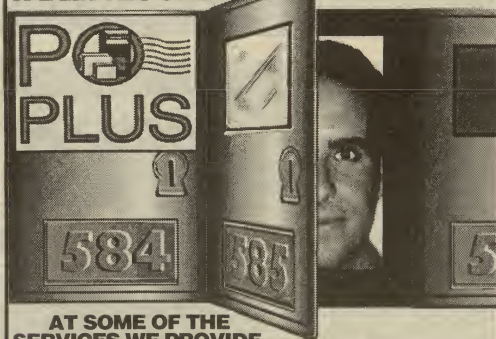
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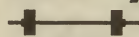
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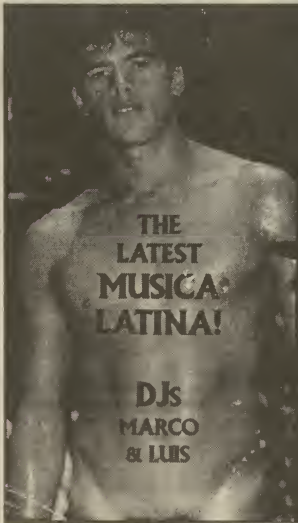
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Nebraska Needs You

by Beth Elliott

Greetings, my fellow evil homosexuals of the dreaded female persuasion! How's that for a greeting? I've just read an item about the big pep rally in Des Moines over the Iowa caucus weekend at which the effect of clerical collars on blood circulation to the brain was effectively demonstrated by Christian (and I use that term loosely) conservatives calling us, and the prospect of our getting to marry each other, the source of all that is wrong in our fair nation. They urged people viewing on C-SPAN to send our "evil lifestyle back to Satan where it came from!" Oh, yeah, like any self-respecting Prince of Darkness would want to take us off their hands when our daring to love provokes them to fuming, blood vessel-busting hatred, I'm so sure!

Commentary

Besides, I can just imagine this evil, evil scene: "Send it back? I don't see the original packaging anywhere. And I'll bet you don't have the receipt, either. You'll have to stand in that line over there ... yes, the lo-o-o-o-ong one, heh heh heh cackle cackle!" And that's if they get through to a live devil instead of this recording: "You have reached the Army of Hell, Dyke Feminist Whore of Babylon Division. All of our minions are occupied at the moment, but your call is important to us ..."

This gets us back to last week and Barney Frank saying we need to vote, and vote against Republicans, and Molly Ivins preferring populist collective effort to liberal government programs. I was also

reading a couple of items that seemed to illustrate the difference. One was about a new organization linking lesbian/gay community centers across America. The other was about a teenage lesbian coming out and running off to San Francisco because "I heard if you're gay you should go there and someone will take you in." And I thought, take you in? As in, make sure you have a place to stay and get you set up with a job? That would be nice; it also wouldn't be the real world.

Encouraging development

The encouraging thing about the proliferation of lesbian/gay community centers, which implies communities coalescing and reaching critical mass for that level of organization, is that it's happening across the so-called heartland, even in backwards, queer-unfriendly places like Idaho. Ghettoization — everyone coming out and running off to San Francisco or LA or New York — does the religious right the favor of our cleansing the rest of the country of ourselves for them. No, they should have to get used to us everywhere, including realizing we come from them, not from some mythological figure and realm of evil. And we should be able to be everywhere.

Idealizing any one place as a mecca, even when friendly space is rare and special, is the best way to bring that mecca crashing down. The idealization process too often makes the purported mecca out to have streets paved with gold, be a place where anyone affiliating with the group will be taken in, or whatever — all one has to do is arrive there and everything will be hunky-dory. Though it may not happen immediately, meccafied places usually end up with more people hungry for their slice of the pie than they have pie. Developing more pies — in this case, making more of America within living and driving distance of a lesbian/gay community with a tangible center — is the only thing that makes more slices available.

Within living memory, a beloved neighborhood hip scene came crashing down when it got badly overrun by far more people than it could support: the Haight-Ashbury. One Haight Street store, closing down as the party ended, posted a sign in its window: "Nebraska needs you." This meant, of

course, the idea was not to draw all the hippies to one spot but to make a thousand hippie neighborhoods bloom. Instead, expectations of being provided for, regardless of the extent of the resources to do so, took precedence over self-reliance, and everybody lost.

Essential effort

Self-reliant effort, both individual and collective (in the populist tradition), is essential to "change the structure so people aren't hurt" (so says Senator Tom Harkin). Take the ravages of neglect on pre-school-age children in the inner cities. A recent study provided intensive interaction in a ratio of one, well, *nanny* for every three children. The children's intelligence increased (as well as tests can measure) by 15 to 30 percent. Ergo they could do better in school, have a better chance of escaping poverty, etc.

The traditional liberal solution would be funding a massive program to make this available to every poor child in America. But even if you paid each tutor only \$24,000 per year, that's \$8,000 times how many children — before facilities and administrative costs? How many billions are we talking? Could we offer this intensive surrogate parental interaction to the poor but not to families in which both parents have to work (thus paying taxes to pay for nannies for other families)? Would this be fair — or passable in Congress?

This begs the question of whether such a program would prove Alexander Cockburn's rude comment about "It Takes a Village to Raise a Child" working out to the state raising our children. Or of parents denying their children a government nanny because they would consider it intrusive, even as they consider to provide intensive interaction themselves. Or of what could constitute "culturally appropriate" interaction when some inner city residents equate using education as a means to a better life with ethnic treason.

So we come back again to opportunity versus individual responsibility, and the (hopefully) obvious conclusion that it takes both, together. This year, we'll likely get to vote only for one or the other. Is there a populist solution? Probably — but would those who talk the talk work the work? (Hint: "securing funding" doesn't count.) ▼

On the Move

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Media Award from The National Conference.

This year, nominations for the LACE awards were made by community members and reviewed by a panel. Other lesbians nominated include: entertainer Monica Palacios, lesbian health care activist Veronica Matoš, hate crimes prosecutor Carla Arranaga, minister Dina Bachelor Evan, and queer educator Amy Ryan.

Women's Night is also an annual fundraiser, raising money to operate women's programs at the Gay and Lesbian Center including the Audre Lorde Lesbian Health Clinic.

Guy, Dorf Will Get Honors

Lesbians Roma Guy, co-founder of the Women's Building, and Julie Dorf, founder of the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission, will be among six women recognized by San Francisco Women's Cen-

ters during a Thursday March 6 reception, "Women Make History Awards."

Other awardees include: La Doris Cordell, the first African-American woman to become Superior Court Judge in Santa Clara County; Hung Liu, a Chinese-born artist who is now a National Endowment for the Arts fellow; Anne Wilson, who has worked for increased funding for women's programs in Northern and Central California; and Clara Luz Navarro, a political refugee from El Salvador who has worked for better living conditions in California for immigrants and refugees.

The reception will be held from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at Rincon Center on Mission, between Spear and Steuart streets. Live entertainment will be on hand, and wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served before the awards show. ▼

For more information about the "Women Make History" Awards, call (415) 431-1180, extension 17.

San Rafael Lesbian Spiritual, Healing Group Starts in March

by Mary Ann Swissler

The Spectrum Center for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Concerns has announced a Women's Spirituality Group will begin next Friday, March 8 at a private home in San Rafael.

Meditation teacher Diane Mariechild, the author of several books on spirituality, has volunteered to hold the groups for about a year. For several years she has led healing circles and sacred day celebrations.

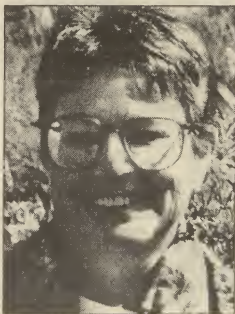
Her first book was *Mother Wit*, published by Crossing Press. Her latest is *Open Mind*, published by Harper-Collins San Francisco.

"I'm a lesbian," Mariechild told the *Bay Area Reporter*, "and I wanted to offer the skills that I had to the local community, and I deeply appreciate the work that Spectrum does. It's my way of sharing."

"I hope to generate a monthly place where women know that they can come and create healing rituals together," she said.

So, what to bring? Flowers and fruit are appropriate offerings, along with drums and rattles if you want.

Mariechild said, "We will nurture the healing qualities of compassion and loving kindness through meditation, invocation,



Author Diane Mariechild.

sounding, chants, song, and movement. Every woman will have the opportunity to enter the circle and receive, through sound and/or touch, the group energy."

A social time is scheduled for afterwards with juice and tea.

Lea Brown, Programs Manager at Spectrum, told the *B.A.R.*, "Believe it or not, this is the oldest program in Spectrum. Our agency was started in 1982 with a grant from the Presbyterian Church. We have deep roots in people working with the Christian faith."

Brown explained that Spec-

trum has held a wide variety of spiritual groups in the past, and like other programs, the direction depends on who is volunteering.

Spectrum's inclusion of spiritual worship in programming is unique among gay and lesbian community centers, but an essential one.

"I think it's important to live whole lives, whatever that is," Brown said. "I think one of the greatest tragedies between the religious right and gays and lesbians has been the way it characterizes that if you're religious, then you have to be straight and Christian and narrow in your thinking." Or conversely, if you're gay or lesbian, people assume you're spiritually dead or completely pagan in your beliefs.

Brown added, "What gets obliterated in that there is a whole bunch of people of faith who are supportive of gays and lesbians, or who are gay, lesbian, bi, or transgender themselves." ▼

Call Lea Brown at Spectrum for the location of the group at (415) 457-1115, ext. 201, Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wearing fragrances or scented personal products to the group is strongly discouraged.

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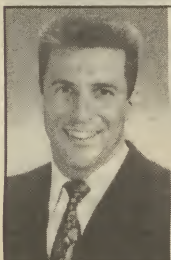


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Adding Insult to Injury

by Al Kielwasser

The World Wrestling Federation (WWF) has been non-responsive to concerns that the company is promoting homophobia through its popular television programs. At the center of the controversy is "Goldust," one of WWF's featured wrestlers, who has been portrayed as a menacing gay freak. In the storyline for one particularly offensive broadcast, Goldust flirted with one of the "normal" heterosexual wrestlers, who responded by "heroically" beating him senseless.

In response to individual complaints, WWF has sent out an evasive form letter. Signed by the company's Fan Services Coordinator, Christine Wypy, the letter explains that the "World Wrestling Federation appeals to a broad spectrum of fans." To achieve this "universal appeal," Wypy says, "we utilize different characters, story lines, and techniques creating a degree of controversy as we do so."

"Goldust, by design, with his androgynous presentation is bizarre and controversial," Wypy writes. She further explains: "The overriding theme of the Goldust character is that he uses unorthodox elements to keep his competitors off track, confused, and yes, even sometimes disgusted. That kind of mental stimulation is acted out through bizarre gestures some of which have sexual overtones, however, were not intentionally designed to offend."

Wypy's "response" completely ignores the central issue (not to mention the rules of grammar). She treats homosexuality as the

problem, rather than homophobia. Significantly, Wypy apologizes for the gay character's behavior. She never mentions the gay basher.

The WWF's response carefully avoids any mention – let alone condemnation – of hate violence. Whether or not the company (rightfully) assumes responsibility for promoting homophobic bigotry, it could at least acknowledge that the problem exists.

To demand a less-evasive and more-constructive response from the WWF, and encourage the company to actually help combat (rather than promote) homophobia through its expansive (TV, print, and online) media outlets, most of which target children and young adults, contact Christine M. Wypy, Fan Services Coordinator, World Wrestling Federation, TitanSports, Inc., Titan Tower, 1241 East Main Street, Post Office Box 3857, Stamford CT 06902, tel. 203-352-8600, fax 203-352-8699; copy correspondence to Linda E. McMahon, President, TitanSports, Inc., at the same address.

Right NOW

The National Organization for Women (NOW) is organizing a "Fight the Right March," to take place April 14 in San Francisco. The march intends to "bring together women, men and children from across the country to send a clear message to policy makers: that the majority of people denounce the divisive hate-mongering of the right-wing."

Information about the march is available through various online sources. NOW's web page can be accessed at <http://www.now.org> (click on FIGHT THE RIGHT on the front screen). To request a summary of information, send an e-mail message to march@now.org. Regular updates about the Fight the Right March are being distributed through a new mailing list; to join the list, send an e-mail message to majordomo@now.org with the following text: subscribe now-march-list.

NOW has also launched a new "Action Alert" mailing list; to join the list, send an e-mail message to majordomo@now.org with the following text: subscribe now-action-list.

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In his continuing battle against the hateful rhetoric of the Christian Coalition, Mel White has begun circulating "a resolution to condemn the false and inflammatory anti-homosexual campaign of Pat Robertson," the founder of the Christian Coalition and CEO of the Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN). Since 1995, White has monitored every broadcast of Robertson's daily TV series, the 700 Club; the petition advises Robertson that his "media and print campaign against homosexuals is polluting the moral environment of the nation." White plans to collect

signed petitions and deliver them to Robertson and the national media on Pride Sunday, this June.

White has also produced a 35-minute videotape – *Pat Robertson's Anti-Homosexual Campaign: A Case Study in the Rhetoric of Intolerance* – which features "dozens of examples" of Robertson's "dangerous and outlandish comments." White intends to distribute the tape various media and civic groups across the country.

Before accepting his own sexual orientation, White served as the ghost-writer for Pat Robertson's best-selling book *America's Dates With Destiny*.

For a free copy of the video tape or petitions to sign and circulate, contact: Dr. Mel White, P.O. Box 609, Ennis TX 75120, fax 214-875-4858, e-mail RevMel@aol.com.

Video Phobia

The hate-mongers at *The Report*, producers of such infamous video fare as *The Gay Agenda* and *The Gay Agenda in Public Education*, have released a new "documentary." Their latest feature is titled *The Ultimate Target of the Gay Agenda: Same-Sex Marriage*. Successfully inspiring a number of anti-gay initiatives and inquiries, the earlier "gay agenda" videos were widely-distributed amongst local "church" groups – and members of the U.S. Congress. The "marriage" tape will likely be put to similar use.

Contact: *The Report/Springs of Life Ministries*, 42640 10th Street West, Lancaster CA 93534, tel. 1-800-462-4700; advise elected representatives to denounce – and local news media to expose – this video venom.

Global Village Voice

The lesbian/gay group ILGA-Portugal reports that one of the country's most prominent dictionaries includes "aberration" and "inversion" in the definitions of lesbianism and homosexuality, respectively. ILGA-Portugal members are asking the international community to join with them in a letter-writing campaign to the dictionary's publisher, Porto Editora.

Contact: Porto Editora, Rua da Restauracao 365, 4040 Porto, Portugal, fax 011-351-2-606-2787; copy your correspondence to ILGA-Portugal, Apartado 21281, 1131 Lisboa Codex, Portugal, e-mail ilga@mail.telepac.pt.

To report any defamatory or affirmative media coverage, call the 24-hour "MediaAlert Hotline" (415-861-4588), or write to: *Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation*, 1360 Mission Street, Suite 200, San Francisco, CA 94103, tel. 415-861-2244, fax 415-861-4893, e-mail gladfsf-ba@aol.com, URL <http://www.cnet.com/gaytrek/glaad.html>.

Parade Committee Seeking Speakers

The San Francisco Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender Pride Celebration Committee is now seeking recommendations for main stage speakers – the human variety, not the kind with woofers and tweeters – during this summer's pride festivities.

The parade and celebration will be held Sunday, June 30 under the theme "Equality and Justice for All."

Interested persons should submit names of recommended individuals by Sunday, March 10. That is the committee's general membership meeting. It will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Women's Building, located at 3543 18th Street between Valencia and Guerrero.

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We Aren't Just a Movement — We're a Market!

by Mary Ann Swissler

The gay and lesbian community is frequently misrepresented in the media, and from pulpits, as a collection of promiscuous, diseased pariahs demanding special rights, but for some businesses lesbians and gays represent a vast untapped resource. Slowly but steadily, advertisers have begun to create entire campaigns with us in mind.

One predominantly straight Bay Area trade organization, the San Francisco Advertising Club, hosted a candid and informative panel Wednesday, February 21 to focus on a select few American corporations that have turned this previously overlooked consumer group into a cash cow.

The luncheon was well-stocked with A-gays — almost to the exclusion of heterosexuals, judging from appearances — who may be able to persuade their bosses that targeting the gay and lesbian audience is not only lucrative, it's safe: much-touted boycotts by the right don't work.

New York Times advertising columnist Stuart Elliott and *OUT* Magazine publisher Harry Taylor explained the history behind mainstream products' increasingly commonplace advertising campaigns in gay publications.

OUT for business

Most interesting of all were the case studies given by Rick Cirillo from American Airlines and Eric Helms from Anheuser-Busch, about the actual metamorphoses of those companies.

All who spoke agreed that targeting a niche market is a lot more complex with the gay and lesbian (and bisexual and transgender) population than marketing to working women or college students, for example.

And until mainstream companies become brave enough to explicitly depict same-sex couples or a group of same-sex friends, advertisers are utilizing what one panelist termed "homo-positive" ads, which rely more on buzzwords like choice and freedom and fairness, than on actual depictions of gay people. Some firms edge toward more overt gayness, like the very successful Bud Light campaign that draped a rainbow flag all over its logos and print ads.

The highlight of the luncheon came with the acknowledgment by both Cirillo and Helms that the gay and lesbian can't be won over simply by plastering beer and airline ads all over gay rags or by "queer-izing" straight media: advertising dollars need to go hand in hand with a social conscience. Cirillo, in particular, described American Airlines' long road back to respectability in the eyes of gay travelers, after it was dubbed The Ugly American by a gay magazine because of a series of homophobic and AIDS-phobic incidents. After a new ad campaign designed especially with the gay traveler in mind, Cirillo said that he was able to institute The Diversity Council, which extended domestic partnership benefits and a non-discrimination policy for sexual and ethnic minorities and employees with disabilities. Soon he said, the same gay magazine was calling American the most gay-friendly airline in the world.



Author Grant Lukenbill.

Help in Book Form

For those who are interested in the great gay and lesbian market but didn't make it to the luncheon, author and marketing executive Grant Lukenbill has written what may become the defining textbook on the subject. *Untold Millions: Positioning Your Business for the Gay and Lesbian Consumer Revolution*, published by Harper Business, informs mainstream (read: straight) businesses about the best ways to attract and keep our business, on our own terms.

Lukenbill was the sales development manager for *The Advocate* from 1988 to 1989, and wrote and applied the marketing plan for *Outweek* magazine, which provided *The Advocate* with its first taste of real national competition.

What makes this book a valuable resource for anyone in business, from human resource professionals to managers to marketing executives, is the research database upon which Lukenbill bases his conclusions. The results of the 1994 Yankelovich Monitor Perspective on Gays/Lesbians are laid out in the kind of detail that will appeal to statistics junkies, but not so detailed that others who skim the book will lose the main points.

Lukenbill states at the outset of the book, "The time is nearing when lesbian mothers will promote bleach and fabric softener on national television. Gay male sports figures, sponsored by tennis shoe companies, will soon be emerging as spokespersons for the prevention of violence in our nation's public schools."

He provides samples of successful gay-focused ad campaigns, as well as those that miss the mark, and offers advice on how companies can make solid community contributions by instituting domestic partnership benefits and anti-discrimination policies based on sexual orientation. "I would recommend, as a matter of conscience and good moral business conduct, to bring benefits on par with their heterosexual counterparts," he told the *B.A.R.*

Lukenbill also said that greater lesbian visibility is needed; despite the advent of Lesbian Chic, the word "gay" still conjures up the image of a male. He reminds companies the surest way for them to lose gay and lesbian customers is to lump them all together into one group.

"The main theme that I run throughout the book is that gay and lesbian consumers are not all alike," he said. "They cannot be pigeonholed and categorized as a market segment."

Lukenbill's final advice is mar-

ket research, market research, market research — which should stem from what a company's specific product or service actually provides to the public. Once that is established, he advises, firms should not focus on the impact it may have upon gays and lesbians, but on men in general, or women in general.

"Lesbians don't necessarily buy a product just because they're a lesbian," he said. "They buy a product because it is providing them with a service." ▼

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Sanchez Hill Mansion Opponents Face Criminal Charges

by Mary Ann Swissler

Building developers have brought misdemeanor trespassing and battery charges against a San Francisco physician, in connection with a four-home construction project on Sanchez Hilltop that neighborhood opponents have gone to great lengths to oppose.

Dr. Monika Henschke told the B.A.R. a March 22 hearing date has been set to hear evidence against her, stemming from her February 12 attempt to prevent workers from chopping down several of the hilltop's Monterey pine trees to make way for the housing construction. She climbed into one of the trees, she said, thinking they wouldn't turn on the chain saws.

She was wrong.

But although the attempt failed, the residents of the neighborhood near to the Castro are still fighting to save the land for open space and are trying to get the city to buy it. They are also considering a lawsuit against the builders, McGee Construction.

Meanwhile, the McGee family business has also posted a restraining order against anyone going on to the property, and filed a civil lawsuit against the neighbors, who call themselves "Save Sanchez Hilltop."

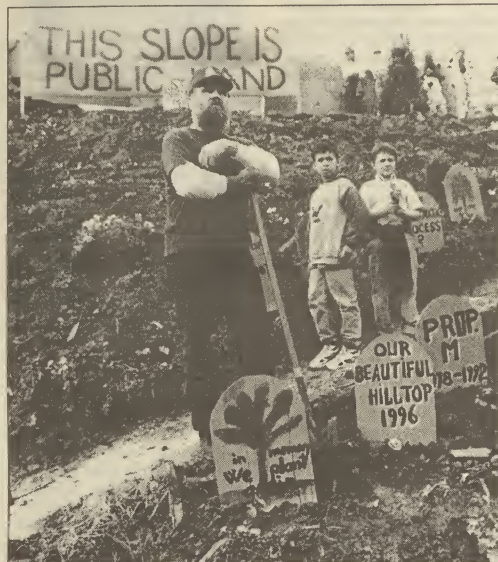


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Saving the slope: Over 125 people turned out Feb. 17 to replant the city-owned hilltop at Sanchez and 21st recently bulldozed by a developer.

Roughshod

Henschke denied kicking Tracy McGee of McGee Construction, and said that filing criminal charges is a further example of the way the company has run roughshod over the wishes of the neighborhood.

"He could have built the homes and kept the trees," Henschke said, adding that it was not simply a matter of saving the view from her own home. "This was an attempt to save a thing of beauty for all of San Francisco," she said.

Three women who live in the area were removed by police from a Saturday, February 17 neighborhood rally at the site, and warned not to return.

A February 7 Board of Permit Appeals hearing paved the way for the bulldozing of the Monterey pine trees on February 12. That board, the Planning Commission, and the Dolores Heights Improvement Club have approved plans for four three-story homes to be built along the quiet section of 21st and Sanchez streets, a mixed gay-and-straight neighborhood adjacent to the Castro.

Standing among the litter from trees, Jacquelyn "Lynn" O'Kelley, Vickie Lewis, and Sylvia Saunders placed a symbolic headstone on the hillside and attempted to plant a tree on the land. Standing by was Brian McGee, of McGee Construction Company, who immediately ripped out both reminders of the neighborhood opposition. He yelled out to the protesters as they were led away by a police officer, "Enjoy your 15 minutes!"

When asked by the B.A.R. if they would return, Lewis said that she would, while Saunders and Lewis both had no comment.

Members of the neighborhood opposition group have asked the Board of Supervisors and the mayor to convene a public hearing about the situation. Ideally, according to neighborhood spokesman Bill Russell-Shapiro, residents would like the city to purchase the land for open space. At the least, he said, they would

like the homes built smaller.

Asked to comment on simply selling the land to the city, Seamus McGee told the B.A.R., "We're not commenting on it because we've been pulled into that game before."

'Our First Amendment Rights'

As for filing suit against the neighbors, Brian McGee told the B.A.R., "It got to a point that we had to do something, because we were afraid that somebody would get hurt." But Henschke said that the suit expressed different sentiments. "It is an obvious attempt to prevent us from exercising our First Amendment rights and to prevent us from trying to convince the city and city officials to enforce Proposition M in this project," Henschke said.

Proposition M is the voter initiative designed to prevent building projects from going up unless they fit in with existing neighborhood character.

On February 7, the Board of Permit Appeals agreed with Henschke and the others, but the 3-1 vote against the McGees wasn't enough to stop the project, since a unanimous vote is required.

The group of neighbors hasn't heard from Mayor Willie Brown since he said at a February 15 Harvey Milk Institute-sponsored Town Hall meeting that he opposed the Sanchez hilltop housing project, as it now appeared.

"I am very disappointed in the mayor's office," Henschke told the B.A.R., adding that Brown told her at the Town Hall that the city attorney said new evidence would be necessary to re-hear the matter; she said that conflicted with earlier statements made by the city attorney's office.

Henschke said that two aides assigned to work with them have done nothing. "We haven't gotten any help in any way, shape, or form. Our communications to him don't seem to be getting through to him," she said. "I really feel he could give us a new hearing if he wanted to." ▼

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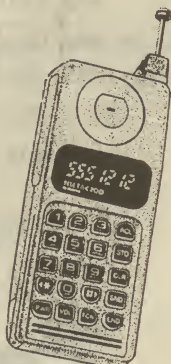
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Gay Call-In Radio Show Gets New Time Slot

7-Year-Old Show Focuses on Current Issues

by Hakeem Oseni II

America's longest-running gay radio talk show, San Francisco's own *Hibernia Beach*, now airs Sunday nights from midnight to 2 a.m. on LIVE 105 FM.

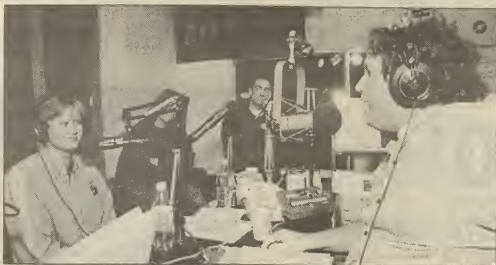
You can now hear "America's favorite homosexuals," who include new co-host Val Keenan and veteran co-host Ken McPherson — along with their "Psychic Ball Shaver," Ben Carlson, in their earlier extended time slot.

The show began seven years ago when a LIVE 105 morning radio host "made a boo-boo," and dished some homosexuals on the air. The station offered a gay-themed radio show as reconciliation, which became *Hibernia Beach*.

"They like us, we're doing a good job," McPherson says of the relationship between the show and the station. "They used to think we were boring, but we turned out to be entertainment, and that's what radio is all about." He hopes the show's mainstream appeal will get it syndicated.

This week, on the night of February 25, McPherson interviewed the executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Melinda Paras. Correspondents Tish Pearlman and Liam Mayclem, who is also the co-executive producer of QTV (Quality Television with Pride), helped address calls from all over the Bay Area. Pearlman interviewed actor, musician, and comic Lia Delaria about her career and recent *Friends* appearance. "I do all the friends," Delaria joked.

Although the show is not an



Hosts with the most: Ken McPherson (right) and Val Keenan (left).

exclusively gay show, this week's participants were loud, out, and proud on the late-night airways. "I'm a lesbian, a big dyke!" Keenan introduced herself to her new nightly audience.

Hibernia Beach also discussed current news topics, such as the banning of all school clubs in Utah because students wanted to form a gay and lesbian club, and the "silly homosexual" who was in the news last week for supporting Pat Buchanan.

At about 1 a.m., *Hibernia Beach* gave a call to former Eagle Scout Keith Richardson to ask about his suit against the Boy Scouts of America for discriminating against him because of his sexual orientation. [See story, page 20.]

"My entire life was boxed up and shipped to them," Richardson said, and he detailed the legal inquiries into his life and how litigation could go on for another ten years. A listener called to ask why

an organization should not have the right to hire or not hire whomever they want. "This is no even playing field," McPherson said.

Vickey, a gay transsexual activist, called into the show and brought up the issue of homosexual marriage. Her dilemma lies in the fact that now she's a female lesbian and in California she is legally a woman, but "in some places I'm kinda nothing." The hosts then called for action from the community to put an end to AB-1982, California's proposal to ban gay marriages.

Besides its weekly airings on 105 FM, the show is also broadcast live on the Internet and can receive e-mail at HB@hooked.net/glean at any time. ▼

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Operation Sunshine Brightens Children's Faces

by Hakeem Oseni II

Have you received a note in your mailbox with a huge happy face on it before yet? It's not junk mail, it's a request for gifts for small children with AIDS from Operation Sunshine.

According to Operation Sunshine Project Coordinator Mike Kelly, the group collects gifts and money to buy gifts for kids with AIDS, primarily those treated at University California Medical Center Hospital and Stanford.

"Kids who are HIV-positive are happy to receive presents, and [Kelly] also sends cards to the nurses who help the children," says Pediatric Nurse Practitioner at UC San Francisco, Estrella Manio. "The man is incredibly patient in running back and forth and getting presents for the kids. When I request something - rain or shine he's here."

The nearly six-year-old nonprofit organization receives a couple thousand gifts a year to give to children, mostly out-patients. "A lot of the kids don't even know they have AIDS," Kelly told the *Bay Area Reporter*. In some instances, he said, the children and their parents - some of whom are "sick and broke" - may have had a strenuous journey; the gifts sometimes serve as an incentive

for the children to return for additional treatment.

"The kids get a pack of gifts on their birthday, and each year we have a Christmas party and they all get a big bag of 15-20 gifts," Kelly says. "Some of these kids have never had a birthday party in their lives."

The gifts are given to the nurses at the University of San Francisco Hospital, who then hand them out to the kids. "It makes the nurses look like the good guys," Kelly said.

"It reduces the fear [the kids] have, and changes the atmosphere of the unit. It makes it lighter and funnier," he added.

"We periodically check with hospitals to check the ages of the kids. Some kids occasionally request specific gifts," Kelly said. "If we can, we sometimes ask toy companies to donate gifts. We give away lots of Walkmans, waistpacs, radios, dolls, crayons, baseball caps and stuffed animals."

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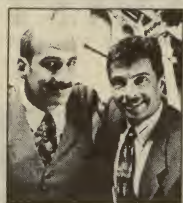
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COMMUNITY NEWS

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Candidates Come and Go, but Yeager Keeps Going

by Marv Shaw

Openly gay candidate Ken Yeager is charging into the primary campaign to capture the Democratic nomination for the 25th District State Assembly district seat. He and his enthusiastic supporters are readying materials and volunteer crews for the final campaign activities leading up to the March 26 election, he told the *Bay Area Reporter* in a recent interview.

In the course of the campaign so far, former candidate Pete Carillo has withdrawn from the race, and another aspirant has entered: Patricia Martinez-Roach, a kindergarten teacher who is expected to draw much of the Hispanic vote.

The only Republican candidate is Lisa Sutton, a fundamentalist Christian.

Yeager is in the race to stay, and is expanding his efforts beyond his San Jose base, seeking funds from all Californians who support the election of another gay Assemblyperson.

Prime in that effort is a San Francisco fundraiser at the home of John Newmeyer, located at 2004 Gough Street, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5. Newmeyer, an epidemiologist, was formerly active in the Haight-Ashbury Free Clinic.

Yeager told the *B.A.R.* that contributions to date have totaled almost \$200,000 — but only \$60,000 of that is left, and much is left to accomplish. He has established a substantial base of funds and supporters, but additional money is needed to make his grass-roots style effective, he believes.

Yeager said that the funds now being raised will go to direct mail and door-to-door appeals. One unique feature already being employed is a "neighbor-to-neighbor" appeal in which volunteers mail letters to registered voters in the district, asserting their friendship with Yeager and urging a vote for a candidate who knows voters' needs.

Yeager's knowledge of those needs, and his focus on improving educational and job training op-



Ken Yeager is marshaling all his forces for his Assembly run and the March 26 election.

portunities, have increased through his participation on the Evergreen Community College District board of trustees.

Yeager's strength is attested to by the extensive list of individual and group supporters he boasts. They include Zoe Lofgren, elected to Congress in 1994, and Ron Gonzalez, Santa Clara County supervisor. Group support includes the Sierra Club, California NOW, and the California Nurse's Association. Numerous other public service vocational groups have also pledged.

The local and national gay organizations BAYMEC (Bay Area Municipal Elections Committee), the Gay and Lesbian Victory

Fund, and The Alliance have also declared for Yeager and brought him monetary support.

Yeager and his staff have not seen anti-gay expression so far, but there is a rumor that such might appear in the last week of the campaign. If it does, it will be met with a strong response, he promised. ▼

For further information about the March 5 fundraiser at the Newmeyer home, or for more information about the Yeager for Assembly campaign, call (408) 271-9040. Yeager's office is located at 195 Stockton Avenue, San Jose CA 95126.

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'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' at Two

by Bob Roehr

Don't Ask, Don't Tell" has hit the terrible twos. To "celebrate," the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN) released its second annual report on that failed policy at a February 27 news conference in Washington, DC.

It "reveals a continuing pattern of abuse that has effectively rendered the current policy as bad as, if not worse than, its predecessors," declared SLDN.

Seven hundred and twenty-two people were discharged under DADT in the first full fiscal year (FY 95, ending September 1995) in which it was in effect. That is a four year high. The Pentagon has admitted to spending at least \$21 million dollars pursuing these discharges.

SLDN has documented 703 abuses, including 28 "witch hunts" both here and at overseas bases. They are "blatant disregard of the policy's limits" during those two years. 363 of them occurred in the last year alone. Some of the abuses led to discharges, others did not.

The Air Force has become the most aggressive branch in pursuing homosexuals. It now "accounts for 32% of all gay discharges" but only 26% of total active duty personnel. Discharges are down in the Navy and have held steady in the Army and Marine Corps.

SLDN cited a 1994 Air Force memo which "instructs inquiry officers to question parents about the sexual orientation of their children," as well as an August 1995 Department of Defense (DoD) memo by General Counsel Judith Miller which "greatly expands the scope of investigations beyond the

original intent and letter" of DADT.

Charges of homosexuality continue to be "used as a means of retaliation against anyone, regardless of their sexual orientation." But it is particularly used as a weapon against the growing presence of women in all services. Only 13% of military personnel are female, yet women constitute 21% of all discharges and 30% of the cases SLDN has investigated.

It cited one example of a private stationed in Korea who "reported that male soldiers assaulted and threatened to rape her, then spread false rumors that she was a lesbian." Her commander chose to investigate the later insinuation rather than the assault. Only a vigorous defense, and perhaps a change in command, brought the Army to drop its discharge proceedings.

SLDN believes "the Pentagon fuels witch hunts by responding slowly to them, if at all. The lack of an exclusionary rule" allows illegally obtained evidence to be used in discharge proceedings, thus offering no disincentive to using that tactic.

The group maintains that DoD "is not educating or adequately training commanders and their troops about the new policy and what it really means in their everyday lives." It scolded the Pentagon for moving to stop clear violations of the policy only "when confronted with intense outside pressure from servicemembers' families and their lawyers."

SLDN cautioned that their report is but the tip of the iceberg of anti-gay discrimination under DADT. Many of those harassed or discharged never contact the orga-

CASUALTY RATE: GAY DISCHARGES



nization. Others are removed through less aggressive means "such as denial of reenlistment."

They offered ten administrative remedies "as a first step to bring (DoD) into compliance with the current law and regulation ... (that) would improve the safety of servicemembers' daily lives." Those would not change the unconstitutional nature of the policy, which is being challenged in federal court.

The front page of the report carried a dire boxed warning to servicemembers who come under investigation. It urged them to say nothing and get legal help. "Saying or doing the wrong thing... could get you thrown in jail." ▼

The Servicemembers Legal Defense Network coordinates legal assistance for those in the military threatened with charges of homosexuality. It is based in Washington, DC and can be reached at (202) 328-3244.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Year of the Rat To Scamper through Town Gays, Lesbians Part of Worldwide Broadcast of Chinese New Year Parade

by Mary Ann Swissler

The Chinese Year of the Rat symbolizes success, sociability, and resourcefulness. And for local Asian gays and lesbians, this means that the doors to worldwide television have been swung open for the first time in the parade's 145-year history.

An orchid-festooned float will be accompanied by a dozen, costumed members of the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA), dressed as ancient Chinese scholars. GAPA member Jeff Sead said the float is a depiction of a 4th-century A.D. poem entitled "Orchid Pavilion Preface."

Along with the GAPA contingent, the Gay Freedom Band and the Asian Pacifica Sisters, whose float will consist of a 15-foot moving phoenix, will also be included during the broadcast that starts at 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 2 on KTVU/Channel 2. The 145-year-old Chinese New Year Parade is the largest parade of its kind outside of Asia.

"It's great for gay and lesbian visibility because it goes all around the world," said Sead.

Asian gays are welcome to walk alongside the float. If you're interested, go to the pre-parade assembly area, at Market and 2nd Streets after 4:30 p.m. ▼



Photo: Jane Pilemon Cleland

Festive float: GAPA co-chair Jeff Sead works on his group's 25-foot entry in this Sunday's March 2 SF Chinese New Year's Parade. Those wishing to join in the fun should call 415/561-0533 or 415/681-5041.

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Asian & Pacific Islander Queers on the Internet

by Rene M. Astudillo

Asian & Pacific Islanders (A&PIs) seem to have found a new way to become more visible as gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered groups or individuals — the cyber space.

More and more queer resources for A&PIs are showing up on the Internet through web or personal home pages, giving electronic visibility to communities that have traditionally been less forthcoming about being "out."

One particular web page called "Kakasarian" ("of the same sex") provides quite a comprehensive resource for gay and lesbian Filipinos in the U.S. and overseas. It has been rated among the top five percent of all web pages by various web reviewers.

"Kakasarian" presents both an historical and cultural perspective of Filipino homosexuality, and even includes an interesting study on the cruising behavior of Filipino gay men. Recognizing that AIDS is significantly impacting Filipinos, the web page contains a listing of HIV/AIDS resources, both in the Philippines and the U.S.

In a section aptly called "Flip Outs," Filipino personalities who are "out" in the community are listed with brief bios, including Gerona Dancel and Patrick Lagon, who are part of couples suing Hawaii to legalize same-sex marriage; Melinda Paras, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force; and Jaime Geaga, AIDS activist and founder of the Filipino Task Force on

AIDS in San Francisco.

"Kakasarian" even has its own on-line magazine, which features various articles by web page author Ken Ilio and other contributors. Not to be outdone by other gay web pages, "Kakasarian" has a listing and description of gay bars and cruising areas both in the Philippines and in various U.S. cities. For the truly resource-hungry web page visitor, there are links to other Filipino and A&PI queer resources and personal homepages.

Another fast-growing web page for gay and lesbian A&PIs is the "Queer Asian/Pacific Resource," which, like "Kakasarian," contains a wealth of information and listings on A&PI books, HIV/AIDS resources, events, homepages, and e-mail addresses of queer A&PIs.

"Utopia: Southeast Asian Gay and Lesbian Resources" is a truly

packed web page designed for queers in Cambodia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam. Like most other A&PI web pages, Utopia has a listing of HIV/AIDS resources and an interesting "safer sex in three easy steps" in English and Vietnamese. It has sounded a call for viewers to help translate the section in other Southeast Asian languages. Other features of Utopia include a "gAsian and LEZian" of the month, travel tips to Southeast Asia, message center and forum, and a gallery of photographs of Southeast Asian men.

It is interesting to note that most A&PI resources on the web provide links to each other, and make it a point to include every new web or home page that comes along — creating what could be a new and powerful worldwide community of Asian and Pacific Islander queers. ▼

Some A&PI Queer Resources on the Internet include:

Kakasarian, Queer Resource for Filipinos
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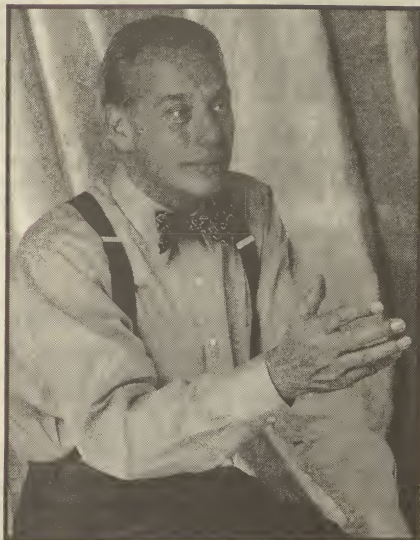
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<http://www.utopia-asia.com>

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“Before the AIDS crisis struck, as a young attorney I provided free legal services to gay rights activists, and in 1977 became a Board member of the Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund, the nation's leading legal advocate for gay men and lesbians. Then, in the earliest years of the AIDS epidemic, I volunteered at the Gay Men's Health Crisis, and from 1984 to 1990 served as a member of GMHC's Board, fighting to get the government to recognize the crisis, provide money for AIDS research and care for the sick. I also co-founded and chaired the AIDS Action Council in Washington, D.C., the largest national effort to champion the needs of people with HIV and AIDS. Later, I served as Executive Director of AIDS Project Los Angeles, where I helped raise millions of dollars to assist people living with HIV/AIDS.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Scouts Lose Employment Discrimination Hearing

by David Olson

The Chicago Commission on Human Relations (CHR) unanimously ruled Wednesday, February 21 the Boy Scouts' ban on gay employees violates the city's Human Rights Ordinance.

The commission ordered the Chicago Area Council of Boy Scouts America to immediately stop enforcing its "discriminatory policy" in Chicago and begin giving gay and job applicants equal consideration.

CHR also told the Scouts to pay a \$100 fine to the city and \$500 to Keith Richardson, who brought the case against them in 1992 after he was told that, as a gay man, he was disqualified from working for the Scouts.

The Boy Scouts has a national policy against having gay and lesbian people as employees, volunteers, or scouts; the CHR ruling is enforceable only in Chicago, but Richardson predicted the impact of the ruling will be felt beyond Chicago. The ruling is the first in the nation involving the Scouts' anti-gay employment policies. Previous court cases involving them

anti-gay rules involved gay men who wanted to become volunteers, a matter upon which courts have differed.

"For an organization that teaches important concepts to a fourth of American youth to be forced to change its policy is a great step forward in educating people that discrimination is not proper," Richardson said.

'False Myths'

When Richardson applied for a job with the Chicago Scouts in 1992, he was told there was "no way" the Scouts would employ a gay man. Richardson, the former national vice president of Explorers Scouts, then filed a complaint

Richardson predicted the impact of the ruling will be felt beyond Chicago.

under the Human Rights Ordinance, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

The Scouts had argued that as a religious organization it has a constitutional right to discriminate against gays and lesbians. But the commission rejected that argument, stating that "none of the documents which describe the purpose or mission of Scouting emphasize the primacy of religious training or content."

The commission also rejected the Scouts' contention that the presence of gays in the Scouting program could influence young men to change their sexual orientation, stating that such beliefs are based upon "false myths."

The Scouts tried to present opposition to homosexuality as a major tenet of its belief structure. But CHR found that there is "no evidence that opposition to homosexuality was an express goal, significant or otherwise, of Scouting." ... Not a single witness testified that as a part of his Scouting experience, he was taught that homosexuality was immoral. In contrast, numerous witnesses testified that the issue of homosexuality was never mentioned throughout their Scouting experience.

In fact, CHR said, Boy Scout guidelines bar Scouting leaders from discussing "sex and family life" with Scouts, stating that such instruction "is not construed to be Scouting's proper area."

The commission also noted that, until 1993, the Scouts never even had a clearly stated ban on gay employees; Richardson had applied for his job in 1992. But Scout officials said long-standing regulations requiring that Scout employees be "morally straight" and "clean" were targeted in part at barring gays and lesbians. CHR

rejected that claim.

Besides, CHR said, "Any interest that the Chicago Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America [sic] might have in expressing a viewpoint that homosexuality is immoral by refusing to hire employees based upon their sexual orientation is overridden by the City of Chicago's interest in eradicating the debilitating effects of employment discrimination against its gay and lesbian population."

'Hundreds of Thousands of Dollars'

Under the 12-0 ruling, the Scouts must also pay the legal fees incurred by Richardson's attorneys, an amount to be determined later. Roger Leishman, director of the Gay and Lesbian Rights Project of the Illinois American Civil Liberties Union, which represented Richardson, said the fees are in "the hundreds of thousands of dollars."

The only victory for the Scouts was the commission's decision to limit Richardson's financial award to \$500 because, it determined, the Scouts would not have hired Richardson even if it did not have anti-gay policies.

Richardson had previously worked in a gay bathhouse and in two gay bars where X-rated videos were shown; CHR ruled that, under Scout rules, that type of employment would have "disqualified" Richardson from employment with the Scouts, whether he was gay or straight.

CHR also ruled that Richardson applied for his job with the Scouts solely to challenge the Scouts' anti-gay policy.

Richardson continued to assert last week that he had indeed been seeking employment with the Scouts.

The Scouts will appeal the decision, said Richard Walker, national spokesman for the National Council of Boy Scouts of America, based in Irving, Texas.

"Obviously, we are disappointed the ruling did not go in our favor," he said. "Scouting has the right as a private organization to maintain and promulgate the traditional values held by our members and supported since 1910. Obviously, our next step is an appeal in the Illinois courts."

Lehman responded that he hoped the organization would use its resources more wisely.

"It's our hope that the Boy Scouts will now recognize that their hiring policies are discriminatory and have nothing to do with Scouting's core mission," he said.

"The money that they spent on this lawsuit could have been better used toward Scouting's youth programs." ▼

Corrections:

The Colma BART station is not, as stated in last week's issue, in the East Bay. It is on the Peninsula, so as to be near Colma itself.

Also, the Harvey Milk Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club has issued no endorsement in the State Senate race between Angela Alioto and John Burton.

The B.A.R. regrets the errors.

Buchanan's Dirty Tricks and Homophobia Uncovered

by I.A. Kisselman

A long distance company is making sure voters can make at least one clear connection this year. San Francisco-based Working Assets released information Friday, February 23 that connects presidential candidate Patrick Buchanan to his past exploitation of homophobic innuendo for political gain. The information was uncovered at the Nixon Archives in Washington, D.C. by Jeff Gillenkirk, news editor of *Working Assets Online*, the company's Internet publication.

Buchanan, as a White House staffer during President Richard Nixon's reelection campaign, recruited then-Republican Party Chairman Senator Bob Dole in his attack campaigns against Nixon's primary opponents - in both parties. Memos from Buchanan to Nixon and other White House personnel suggested a variety of smear campaigns during that period, one of which was aimed at Republican Congressman Pete McCloskey's insurgent campaign against Nixon in New Hampshire.

Buchanan suggested getting a "gay liberation and/or Black Panthers and/or Students for a Democratic Society ... prevailed upon to contribute a grand or so" to McCloskey's campaign. "When the check is cashed," Buchanan wrote, "that fact [should be] brought to the attention of the voters of New Hampshire by the [Manchester] *Union Leader*."

Working Assets has made the article - and excerpts from accompanying Buchanan White House memos - available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.wald.com/news.html>.

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A Victory in Ohio: Gays Retain Right To Adopt

United Press International

The Ohio State Senate defeated an attempt to prohibit gay people from becoming adoptive or foster parents in its final version of a bill that otherwise overhauls the state's adoption process.

The controversial amendment to prohibit adoptions by anyone "who practices homosexuality or is participating in a same-gender marriage or domestic partnership" was tabled February 15, effectively killing it.

Senator Gary Suhadolnik, R-Strongsville, sponsored the amendment and said it would have passed if put to a roll call vote.

"Nobody wants to talk about this," he told the *Columbus Dispatch*. "They find it uncomfortable or unpleasant. Voting to table was their way of hiding."

Suhadolnik introduced his

amendment because Ohio law permits adoptions by unmarried people and a recent state Supreme Court decision upheld a gay man's adoption of an eight-year-old boy with leukemia.

"I don't believe homosexuals are the proper role model or [provide] the proper environment to raise a child," Suhadolnik said.

Senator Judy Sheerer, D-Shaker Heights, criticized Suhadolnik for not bringing his concerns before the governor's task force on adoptions, which studied the issue for a year before the adoption bill was drafted.

The bill would decrease the time it takes to adopt a child, establish statewide procedures to replace county-by-county rules, provide more safeguards for birth parents and adopted children, and give greater access to information about adoptions. ▼

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Fluent in German, Dutch and Turkish. Connoisseur of world travel (particularly Europe), good food and wine, music and dance, intellectual conversation, films, bears (particularly hairy daddies) and leather.

Survived by his partner, Mark Matthews; his mother, Mrs. Lettie Woodward, Spartanburg, S.C.; his brother, Floyd Woodward, Sterling, Va.; his best friend, Erik Olson, Rohnert Park, Calif.; and a host of friends and colleagues.

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GLEN ELGIN MARGO

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The magical community of sacred clown and radical faeries has lost one more of its own with the passing of our beloved Glen, who died at home in the early morning sunshine surrounded by friends. As one of the long-term survivors of HIV infection, he had fought the disease valiantly both personally and professionally for nearly fifteen years.

Born in Johannesburg, South Africa, Glen's path led him on vital missions through dozens of countries throughout the world. After graduating from the University of the Witwatersrand he completed MSW degrees at Rutgers and UC Santa Barbara, where he helped found the Freedom Clinic to provide services to low-income indigent people. He completed his doctorate in public health at UC Berkeley, focusing his dissertation on "Homophobia in the Health Professions" at a time when lesbians and gay men were only beginning to demand equal health care.

He was Chief of the San Francisco Public Health Department's Health Promotion Bureau for several years, after stints teaching at San Francisco State University and working with the Northern California Cancer Society.

In 1985, he co-authored a paper on AIDS delivered at the World Conference on Health Education in Dublin, Ireland, where delegates from over one hundred countries heard of the pioneering work being done in the San Francisco Bay area. Partly as a result of that international exposure, he and his friends, Michael Helquist and John David Dupree, were recruited into an international HIV/AIDS prevention project, AIDSOM, for which Glen provided the vision as Project Director from 1987 until 1991, when he retired on disability and returned to his beloved San Francisco home.

He worked with the Gay Buddhist Fellowship and helped form the Buddhist AIDS Project. He was also a long-time Shanti Project volunteer and a devoted Radical Faerie.

His spirit and sense of humor has helped guide HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and compassion-care initiatives all over the world. He co-edited a special issue of the International Journal of Public Health devoted to HIV/AIDS disease and distributed to all corners of the globe.

Countless friends and family members rallied around him throughout his illness, but particularly during the last year, when his condition began deteriorating dramatically. He was grateful for the faithful advice and attention he received from his two primary care providers, Michael Brennan, David Drennan, as well as his Shanti volunteer and friend, John Borchelt.

He is survived by many close friends, including Ron Beauregard, John David Dupree, Margaret Schofield, Merilee Clunis, Miriam Cantor, Gail Tenen, Charlotte Cooke, Jennifer Abel, Bill Webber, Annie Esterson and members of his Buddhist sangha. He leaves his father, Lionel, and soul sister, Gisele Wulfsohn, both in Johannesburg; sister Susan Jefferson, nieces Kirsten and Hayley in Cape Town; brother Robin, sister Jill, nephew Jonathan, nieces Emily and Sarah, all in Sydney, Australia; brother Ian, sister Manou and nephew Taja, all in Toulouse, France.

A celebration of Glen's life is scheduled for 11am Sunday, March 3rd at the Trocadero Clubhouse in Stern Grove, 19th Avenue at Sloat Blvd., San Francisco. For more details, please phone 415-751-806. In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to Project Open Hand, The Buddhist AIDS Project, local AIDS or hospice organizations.

Forge on, sweet and gentle man!

Douglas Richardson

Feb. 7, 1946 - Dec. 17, 1995

A native of Ann Arbor, Mich., Doug came to San Francisco with his long-time companion, George Seefeld, in 1981. Together they owned and operated The Company, a popular bar on California Street, for a number of years. After selling The Company, Doug purchased and operated Great Earth Vitamin Stores on both Polk and Castro



streets. Doug was a hugely talented gardener and decorator, though he did not pursue either professionally. His many friends will fondly remember the fabulous Christmas display he produced year after year. Doug served on the board of directors of the Community Thrift Store as treasurer for six years. He donated many, many volunteer hours in the store.

Doug will be remembered with great affection by all his family and friends. He is survived by his mother, Agnes; two sisters; one brother; and several nieces and nephews. ▾

Robert M. Brickey

Feb. 26, 1956 - Feb. 21, 1996

Bob died exactly as he had wanted. In the home he had proudly restored. In the peaceful room with the view of his garden. In the company of his family: his mother, Audrie; his sisters, Darlene, Krisanna, Peggy and Patti; and his nephew, Christopher. Beside the "Man That I Love," his partner, Robert Collins.

Born in Paso Robles, Bob settled in San Francisco in 1980 after serving in the United States Coast Guard. He worked as a production manager in the printing industry and built a home life with his first partner, David Brickey, and their two cats, Benson and Crocker, until David's death in 1991. Bob met Robert in 1993 and shared each day of the rest of his life with him.

Everyone who knew Bob is invited to celebrate his life on Saturday, March 2, at 1 p.m. at 431 Morse Street in San Francisco. Call 415/586-9232 for further details.

Bob, you are gone from my life. I have always known your final day would come. That is why it was my joy to tell you "I love you now." There is a light that never goes out. ▾

George Seefeld

Feb. 15, 1945 - Nov. 11, 1995

George came to San Francisco with his longtime companion, Doug Richardson, in 1981. Together they purchased and operated The Company, a popular bar on California, for several years. After the sale of The Company, George worked for several years as a bartender at the Hotel Atherton.

A memorial service and ashes scattering, attended by members of his family and many friends, were held in the Marin Headlands. George leaves his mother, father, five sisters and one brother. ▾

Bert Huguley

Sept. 16, 1950 - Jan. 16, 1996

Bert, 45, was born in Columbus, Ga. His family remained in Georgia when Bert moved to San Francisco in the late '70s.



Bert worked in the city for years, then worked as a temp while he attended nursing school. He was diagnosed with AIDS before he could finish school. He was an avid bingo player, loved to cook and eat, have cocktails, and was a part of everyday life through his volunteering at the AIDS Foundation Food Bank, Project Open Hand Food Bank, PAWS and the AIDS Foundation itself.

Bert passed away peacefully at Davies Medical Center after an eight-year struggle with AIDS. He was surrounded by a few close friends, Letty Ann (P-of-A), Breck, Mimi (DP-A) and Linda.

Bert was best known for his love and loyalty toward his family and friends. He is survived by his mother, Mary Nell; father, George; stepfather, Don; grandmother, "Big Mama"; brother, Chris; and sister, Becky.

A memorial service will be held near the beach. All who want to attend should be at the Cliff House on Saturday, March 2, at 2 p.m. For more information contact Letty Ann at 415/472-2118 or Mimi at 510/609-9734. ▾

Duane Dugger

Jan. 29, 1956 - Feb. 11, 1996

Kael Ausbrooks described his longtime companion, Duane Dugger, as "the most beautiful man I ever knew." All those who ever met him felt the same way. Duane's beauty of soul was demonstrated by his inspirational bravery, refreshing honesty and wry sense of humor even as he was losing his valiant struggle with HIV.



Duane was born in Covington, Ky., in 1956. He was proud to have made it past his 40th birthday. (Congratulations, Duane!) He can be even more proud of his accomplishments over those 40 years. As AIDS coordinator and Freedom of Information officer for the FDA for the West Coast, he was an active soldier in the fight against the disease that ultimately took his life.

In addition to his companion, Kael Ausbrooks, and those who loved him as a friend and peer, he left behind his mother, Ercei Cunigan; brothers, Dennis Dugger, Robert, Jimmy and David Cunigan; and sisters, Maxine Fry and Kathy Jones.

A small celebration of Duane's life will be held on Sunday, March 3, from noon until 4 p.m. at 809 Corbett St., San Francisco. Those who knew him are invited to attend. Donations to AIDS organizations in lieu of flowers are encouraged. ▾

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John Michael Robbins July 4, 1940 - Jan. 23, 1996

John Michael left us last month after a long and courageous battle with AIDS. JM passed quietly and peacefully in the home that he loved and shared with his dear friends, Dick Wintch and Dennis Toigo, in Cathedral City, Calif.

John Michael has finally reached the place of true harmony that he always told us existed. Besides his housemates, he has left behind many dear friends in both Northern and Southern California. His love and total acceptance will be greatly missed by them all. He loved to listen to his friends and shared his spirituality freely. He remained our inspiration and our strength until the end.

We will keep JM alive every time we plant an orchid, relax over lunch in a patio cafe, or shop in a way that only he could. He is also survived by his daughter, Teri, and his two sons, Chris and Jeff. There will be a celebration of his life on March 16. Please call 510/886-3291 for information. ▼

Michael David Jones

May 29, 1946 - Feb. 8, 1996

Dear Michael,

Although you have only been gone a short time, I find it hard to imagine life without you.

I think back to the day we met. Who would have ever thought a simple "psst" would change our lives forever. We never went a day without being together or talking on the phone. The best decision we ever made was when I moved to SF. You taught me so much about life and to "be myself."

We both had a love for Hawaii. It seemed so natural when we moved to Kona. It was so relaxing sitting on the lanai, watching the sunset each night with you by my side. I loved life with you!

Today, I'm here at "The Royal." I ordered a mai tai and our puu puu platter. I'm watching as the sun is about to set, and hoping you are out there swimming with the dolphins. - Thom

P.S. Thank you for keeping me safe from this terrible disease!

Special thanks to Dr. Liskey, Jim, Paul, Bob and everyone at Davies. A memorial service will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 415 El Camino, Burlingame, on Wednesday, March 13, 5:30 p.m. ▼

Jeffery Lee Chung

June 12, 1963 - Feb. 16, 1996

Jeff came to San Francisco about seven years ago from Seattle. His life

here had its struggles, but through it all, Jeff's charm and warmth won him loyal friends who stayed with him no matter what. Last fall he was hired by the SF Department of Mental Health as an Asian self-help specialist. His work was recognized as so outstanding that he became one of the leading Asian advocates at the state level for mental health consumers.

Jeff experienced cardiac arrest on Feb. 15 and died 24 hours later at Presbyterian Hospital.

His fellow staff members in the Department of Mental Health as well as the clients he helped will miss Jeff very much. He leaves a large family: his parents, Chang Lai and Kim Te Chung; brothers, Steven and Kee Wah Chung; and sisters, Amy Lynn Blanchard and Judy Lynn Pham. Jeff leaves close friends who were his Bay Area family, including his roommate, Dr. Cameron Thompson; very dear friends, Dennis Brotario, Mali Henigman and the Rev. Rob Rhudy; and Roy Crew, his supervisor at DMH.

All of us are grieved by our loss, Jeff, and know your spirit is with God. Until we join you, peace, friend. ▼

Cap Patterson

May 20, 1947 - Feb. 20, 1996

On February 20, as the bells of a nearby church tolled noon, Cap passed quietly away. He spent his last days at home surrounded by those most dear to him and suffered no pain.

A native of Margate, N.J., Cap moved to San Francisco in 1974. His dynamic personality, pragmatism and foresight helped him excel in hotel management and real estate trading, from which he retired in 1985.

Cap's excitement at living never waned. Despite extremely adverse circumstances that paralyzed his hands and feet 10 years ago, he boldly lived on, with strength and vision. The consummate adviser, Cap instilled knowledge and peace in the hearts of many; his wisdom lives on.

Preceded in death by Donn Robbins, his partner of 20 years, Cap is survived by John Vlahides, to whom Cap was mentor, companion and friend. His courage and love will be forever with us.

Donations in his honor can be made to Family Link, 317 Castro St., San Francisco, CA 94114. ▼

Roger L. Nye Jr.

February 15, 1996

Roger Lawrence Nye Jr., 65, native San Franciscan and son of the late

Roger L. Nye and Edith Harris Nye, died February 15 at UC Mt. Zion following a cancer operation.

A legendary partygiver at the Broadway Social Club and two Sacramento Street venues, Trixie was known best for his annual Academy Awards parties and

kept in touch with friends throughout the country who were interested in the motion picture arts.

A 1948 graduate of Lowell (a classmate said, "Roger did drag before it was chic") and 1952 UC Berkeley, he worked at Universal Studios, Balfour Guthrie, Burgermeister Brewing Co., and Schwabacher Frye and its successors.

Roger is survived by his aunt, Ruby Harris Ryman, and her husband, of Southern California; cousins, Judy Ryman Severson, Joan Ryman Kleiman, Shirley Ryman Witeck, David Ryman and Pat Conner; and legions of friends.

There will be no memorial service. A party in his memory, in accordance with the wishes expressed in his will, will be held in the near future. Contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society. ▼

Michael Ray Dal Porto

Oct. 7, 1960 - Jan. 2, 1996

We were able to enjoy his laughter, humor, and energy for life. Michael

fought to the very end, and we are so proud of his determination to battle his illness. We will miss his impersonations of Bette Midler, Lily Tomlin and Robin Williams, and his special gift of making us laugh. He had an eye for detail and a huge heart for the less fortunate.

We will miss you, but you're in our hearts. Michael is now with his life partner, Mark, who we lost last year. Michael's last wish was to have his ashes mixed with Mark's and scattered at sea. His family honored his wishes. I know you are safe and happy again because you're back with Mark and he'll take good care of you.

Michael is survived by his loving and supportive family in Belmont; his friend of many years, Samuel Young; and his many friends who were part of his extended gay family.

Donations can be made to his favorite charity, The Belmont House, a hospice at 730 El Camino Real, Belmont, CA 94002. Michael's parents reside at 1180 Broadway, Belmont, CA 94002.

I love you, Michael. - Sam ▼



James Lee McJimpsey, Jr.

February 16, 1948, Spartanburg, South Carolina
January 13, 1996, San Francisco

The beloved body of Jim McJimpsey, held by Mark Matthews, his lover, partner and caregiver, exhaled his last breath in bed at home as the sun rose outside their bedroom's panoramic views. Jim's face, calm and serenely smiling, was turned towards the image of Avalokitesvara, the bodhisattva of compassion. He moved through death as gently, peacefully and dignified as he'd lived life, displaying the fearlessness and inscrutability of a true warrior. He'd found love.

An intellectual, interracialist and internationalist, Jim was devoted to public service in his profession and to decent, sincere human relations in his personal life. He achieved much in spite of the racism, homophobia and apathy of this society and community, and while he didn't abide fools, he believed in people and their resiliency. Life with Jim was perpetually abloom and fragrant with joy, wit, affection, eccentricity (after all, he was an Aquarius!) and most of all fun. His departure leaves a gaping hole in this world, the healing of which will take a long time.

A service and libation welcoming Jim into the circle of ancestors was held in Washington, D.C. in January. A second celebration of his life will take place on Sunday, March 17, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Metropolitan Community Church, 150 Eureka Street (between 18th and 19th Streets) in the Castro, San Francisco, followed by a repast at 66 Corwin Street, Apt. 7, (up Eureka Street, accessible from 21st and Douglass Streets). Anyone feeling a connection to Jim or Mark is welcome. R.s.v.p. to the repast at (415) 861-6402.



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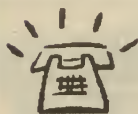
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QUEER WATCH

Open Season

by Michael C. Botkin

This is turning out to be a fine year for homophobic legislation. While not dominating the headlines, as it did during the awful "gays in the military" debate of 1992, attempts to drive gay rights off the map are developing at a brisk pace. Much of this is connected with fighting off the possible impact of the legalization of queer marriages in Hawaii, but some of it is just freelance gay-bashing. Whether it's the American Family Association's attacks on the *Texas Triangle*, Austin's gay paper, or the attempts by Utah to ban all high school clubs (since they can't just close down the gay ones), it's pretty clearly become open season on homosexuals.

The panic over the possibility that Hawaii will allow gays to get married has sparked a passel of laws against recognizing such unions. Utah has already passed such a bill and signed it into law. And California, of all places, has passed such a bill in its House. It has yet to make it through the Senate, where it faces a less supportive Democratic majority. However, if it does, there is little doubt the Governor Wilson will sign it. After all, just because he dropped out of the 1996 presidential race doesn't mean that he's given up on the one in 2000!

Washington State is in an identical situation to California, with the anti-gay marriage bill having passed through the House and now sitting before a less sympathetic Senate. There, at least, the governor has vowed to veto it if

it's passed. In South Dakota a committee rejected such a ban, but the House voted it up anyway. 49-18. Colorado, Idaho, New Mexico and South Carolina all have gay marriage-ban bills in progress. According to the sponsor of the South Carolina bill, "The law is not at all clear. We want to make sure these marriages from other states are not recognized here."

Unfortunately for the gay marriage banners, the law is very clear; marriages sanctioned by one state must be recognized by the others. Attempts to deny this recognition because of who will be getting it are blatantly illegal. Thus, the Utah law and the California law and all the other laws are almost certain to be challenged ... and challenged successfully.

Sneaky blow

Of course, this assumes that Hawaii will allow gays to get married, which I find somewhat questionable. That state is being pressed by a lawsuit, but is looking to find some way to satisfy that suit without allowing queer weddings.

Currently it looks like some sort of compromise, with Hawaii providing very extensive domestic partner benefits but not allowing marriage, will be worked out. This would be a significant benefit for gay couples in Hawaii, but no big gain for anyone else. It would also make all these marriage ban laws useless as well as illegal.

But such is the state of panic induced by the possibility of legal gay marriages that all such considerations get pushed aside. One may wonder that so many state legislatures have so much time and energy to spend on mere possibilities, but these are very high-profile possibilities. And the bitterly contested Republican primary has placed them in an even more prominent light.

It was no accident that a major anti-homosexual rally was held just before the Iowa caucuses. Every single candidate was either present or sent a letter lauding the efforts of the organizers. Even Bob Dole, ungrateful recipient of \$1,000 of Uncle Tom's Cabin Gay Republican dollars, sent his blessings. Given the influence of the religious right on the campaign, homophobia has become one of the standard platform pieces of every candidate.

This anti-gay atmosphere has spread beyond the campaign. In Texas the American Family Association has targeted the *Texas Triangle*, the Austin gay paper, for assault. This is a bit of a change for homophobes, who typically go after homosexuals where we interact with non-gays, rather than rooting after us in our own communities. It is a clever and potentially crippling move, for if gay papers can be shut down by outside forces, it's hard to see how our community will hold together very long.

The *Triangle* has been bearing

up well under the attack, working to keep its advertisers. But the AFA got in a sneaky blow. It turns out that a cartoonist for the *Triangle* was also the graphics editor for - gasp - the children's section of the *Fort Worth Star Telegram*. And that he did a cartoon that mentioned NAMBLA (the North American Man/Boy Love Association). The fact that he was *trashing* NAMBLA, it turned out, didn't make much difference.

No clubs

The *Star Telegram* acted with great deliberation. It moved the offending artist, Todd Camp, away from his position (where he'd won great acclaim) sideways to the feature section. Thus, he wasn't being demoted or punished. But neither was he, an openly gay man, being allowed to stay in contact with children. The paper denied that it was responding to an anti-gay complaint, somewhat illogically. Camp will be allowed to continue working for the paper, though I wouldn't count on his getting any promotions. And he's no longer going to be drawing cartoons for the *Triangle*.

So, as far as an attack on the paper, it wasn't really much. They've lost the talent of a single cartoonist. But in terms of the public relations value of the whole campaign, it was a significant victory for the AFA, which at very little expense caused a rather large outbreak of very public homophobia.

Texas is generally a pretty conservative state, although Austin is usually an exception. But in Utah the conservatives rule outright. Recently they had to deal with a gay and lesbian club formed in a high school. It was clear to the state legislature that such a phenomenon could not be permitted. But as they began to consider how to undo it, they ran across a simple and unfortunately rather effective barrier: you can't ban a club just because it allows people you don't consider worthy.

So, after an afternoon's debate, they came up with an answer: ban all high school clubs, from sports to sewing to singing to everything. This solution quite effectively gets around the problems of the constitutionality of banning just the queers.

They may, however, have gone too far, even for that ultraconservative, theocratic state. Many high school students, while they have no sympathy for homosexuals, still don't like giving up their clubs and have begun to protest. This is something of a first for Utah.

Where will it end? Will Utah have to give in and allow gay clubs? Will attempts to ban them lead instead to a grassroots revolt against the Mormon legislators? Or will the generalized homophobia continue to run against common sense - and the law?

It's hard to say. These are exciting times we live in...and dangerous. ▼

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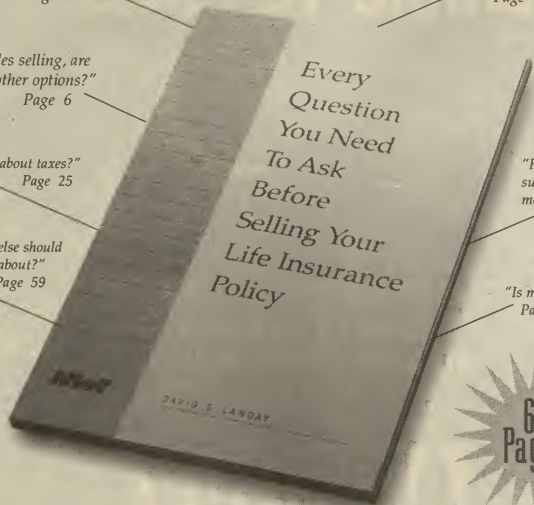
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Mayor Willie Brown will speak Friday, March 1 at the groundbreaking for a joint housing venture that will provide shelter and other services for up to 58 homeless San Franciscans who also suffer from AIDS, psychiatric problems, or substance abuse.

The Lyric Hotel will be the site of the program, jointly offered by the mental health agency Conard House and the nonprofit housing developer Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation. The hotel will be rehabilitated with funds from the U.S. Housing and Urban Development's Shelter Plus Care program.

The groundbreaking ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. at the Lyric Hotel, located at 140 Jones Street. A brief reception will follow at noon. ▼

- Mary Ann Swisler

Preparing for HIV Vaccine Trials: When Is a Shot in the Arm Not a Shot in the Arm?

by William Snow
ACT UP/Golden Gate
Writers Pool

This is the third in a series of periodic articles about the importance and challenges of developing an AIDS vaccine. Future articles will address some of the specific issues involved, including design of HIV vaccine efficacy trials, selecting subjects for trials, maximizing community involvement, protecting human subjects, identifying and mitigating social harm, and recruiting and retaining volunteers. This one focuses on community and individual involvement.

Two weeks ago, Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), made national news by presenting his institute's strategic plan for HIV vaccine research and development. A major thrust of this plan is to formulate joint development plans with vaccine companies that give specific milestones to advance each vaccine approach into larger clinical trials. This would avoid the last-minute decision-making that derailed the gp120 trials in 1994, and provide manufacturers of candidate vaccines with criteria in advance to be met. Dr. Dino Dina of Chiron-Biogene stated at the same meeting that the industry cannot tolerate "a moving target." Both Drs. Fauci and Dina emphasized that a public and private partnership would be essential to share the risks and expenses of developing an AIDS vaccine. Of course, Dr. Fauci's speech also stated NIAID's commitment to strengthening collaborations with other private and public organizations, such as community and activist groups, foundations, and international bodies.

As an example, Dr. Fauci showed the joint development plan with Pasteur-Merieux-Connaught and Biogene, which is moving rapidly from Phase 1 to Phase 2 safety and immunogenicity testing. This is a "prime-plus-boost" approach where uninfected people are immunized first with a vaccine to prime one part of the immune system, then boosted later with a second vaccine that stimulates the other major source of immunity. The "priming" is done with the Pasteur-Merieux vaccine based on a canarypox virus, which is harmless to humans, that has been genetically engineered to express

several HIV proteins. This vaccine has been shown to stimulate some cellular recognition of HIV. Injections of the priming vaccine are followed by one or more booster of HIV envelope vaccine, Chiron-Biogene gp120, which induces antibodies. The idea is to stimulate these two arms of the immune system, which should be desirable for protection from an infection that may need to control infected cells and free virus.

So it looks as if the canarypox approach is being moved onto the fast track toward Phase 2 trials in several hundred low and higher-risk individuals, with an eye toward possible large efficacy trials with several thousand at-risk individuals in 1998, much sooner than people had been expecting.

This prospect means that it is high time for communities like ours, where trials are likely to occur, to begin discussion of the scientific, social, ethical, and political considerations of HIV vaccine trials.

In 1994, at about the same time gp120 was put on hold domestically, a working group convened by the AIDS Action Foundation, under the leadership of Derek Hodel, now at GMHC, developed a very important document about these very issues. (HIV Preventive Vaccines: Social, Ethical, and Political Considerations for Domestic Efficacy Trials. Report of a Working Group Convened by the AIDS Action Foundation, July 1994.)

The working group was a model of collaboration and cooperation among a broad range of community representatives, scientists, ethicists, and government, in the belief that the development of a vaccine against HIV demands unprecedented collaboration. Their stated intention was to help shape federal policies and foster informed conversation among the public at large and in the local communities that will be targeted for these trials.

The report begins with an important statement of principle:

"An ethical HIV vaccine efficacy trial requires a partnership among individual participants, their communities, investigators, and trial sponsors. Mutual obligations flow from this partnership, born of a common goal of ending the HIV epidemic.

"At the outset, an ethical clinical trial must reasonably be expected to answer the questions posed. Thus, an ethical vaccine efficacy

trial must be designed to be the most efficient and humane means of addressing scientific uncertainty, to demonstrate whether the candidate vaccine is safe and effective.

"Conducting an ethical vaccine efficacy trial must be the result of having favorably weighed the potential for scientific knowledge (against the consequences of not acquiring such information) and the financial, social, and human costs associated with conducting (or not conducting) such a trial.

"Just as deployment of a successful vaccine will complement other HIV prevention and treatment strategies, vaccine research must complement other HIV prevention and treatment research. Vaccine trials must be designed to enhance, not to impede or diminish, other HIV prevention programs.

"An HIV vaccine efficacy trial is a public health effort requiring coordination and support beyond the domain of any single agency or institute; it must involve local and federal public health agencies and private partners, including industry."

HIV vaccine efficacy trials should begin only when there is sufficient scientific justification to proceed and when community feasibility has been demonstrated. The decision to commence HIV vaccine efficacy trials must be the product of a partnership involving scientists, government officials, research sponsors, and members of communities at risk. ▼

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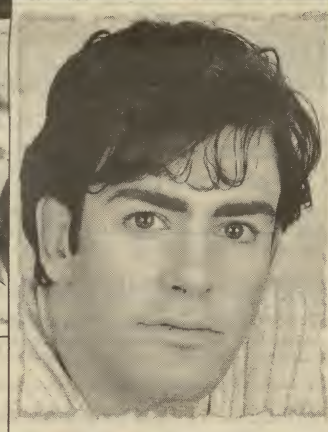
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You can get involved in this process early by joining the Community Advisory Board (CAB) of HIVNET, which meets once a month at the Health Department (call the CAB at 703-6438 or the Health Department Research Branch at 554-9030; ask for information about the HIVNET CAB), or the Community Advisory Board for Project LinCS (call Tom Slama at 597-9290).

ACT UP/Golden Gate's regular advocacy meeting of people with AIDS or breast cancer wanting to learn how to advocate for themselves will be held the first and third Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. Location is at the ACT UP/Golden Gate workspace @ 519 Castro Street, San Francisco CA 94114; Call for details at 415/252-9200. Bring your treatment and healthcare problems and learn how to solve them. ▼

Reality

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plastic ring around the opening and a smaller ring around the closed end. According to the instructions provided to study participants, it is worn internally (inside the anal canal of the "receptive partner," or bottom) instead of the way condoms are usually worn, externally (on the penis of "the insertive partner," or top).

Although the Chicago men expressed a high degree of satisfaction with what was then called the "Aegis," and evidence showed it was probably safe and effective, the Food and Drug Administration refused in 1992 even to consider it for possible use in preventing HIV transmission during anal sex.

The FDA agency panel that quashed the Aegis approved a Pre-Marketing Approval application for the vaginal use of the device, and two years later cleared it for over-the-counter sales — the identical product, but with a different instruction book — as the Reality brand "female condom."

The company cannot legally promote the device for anal sex, even indirectly, so gay men have remained mostly uninformed about it. And allegedly the FDA's decision to prevent that potentially lifesaving information from

getting out was deliberate, and based upon squeamishness about the mechanics of how the virus is spread, on archaic laws, and on homophobia.

A spokeswoman at Female Health Company, which manufactures Reality/Aegis, told the *Bay Area Reporter* that FHC President Mary Ann Lieper was explicitly told at an FDA obstetrics/gynecology department Device and Diagnostics panel meeting, "Because sodomy is illegal in many states, we cannot support a male condom."

'Not very reasonable'

Ben Schatz, executive director of the San Francisco-based Gay and Lesbian Medical Association, said the admission of analphobia at the FDA "doesn't surprise me, but it does appall me."

"If that's true, it's an outrageous abuse of federal power."

Dr. Lillian Yin, who still heads the department at the FDA, told the *B.A.R.* data on the Aegis study at the Howard Brown Memorial Clinic were "never brought in for approval," and that "we would have no problem" with studying the concept of Reality as an anal HIV barrier.

"But I was told," she added, "that the inner ring was not very ... reasonable for anal tissue."



Getting the finger: For maximum protection, the inner ring should be inserted past the sphincter muscle.

"That's the extent I heard."

FHC spokeswoman Holly Sherman says the information was never brought in for Yin's approval because the fate of the Aegis had already been made known at the panel meeting. Two years earlier "they approved the guidelines and protocol" for the Howard Brown study, she told the *B.A.R.*, then refused to carry it over into the next phase after the study was done.

Despite what Yin may have heard, some users of the "female condom" for male-male sex report it is very ... reasonable, with many advantages over latex condoms. As a polyurethane plastic, it carries no restriction on the kind of lubricant partners can use — although health experts agree water-based is still healthier — and has no unpleasant taste or odor. Although its plastic is nearly indestructible, it feels thinner than Saran Wrap and many times thinner than latex condoms, so it transmits heat faster and sensation better.

Reality doesn't make sex perfect again, of course, but as Steve Gibson at the Stop AIDS Project told the *B.A.R.*, "It's another option."

"It's a question of what works for you."

Those who have tried and like the internal condom say it is a relatively simple matter to put the Aegis in place, after which the smaller ring and internal muscles automatically keep it from dis-

lodging; the larger ring on the outside of the body is the opening for the penis — or can be opened wider for oral-anal contact, providing protection against cryptosporidiosis.

Users also say it adds spontaneity since it doesn't require fumbling between erection and penetration.

Timothy J. Rodrigues of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation lauded another advantage, saying that "anything that puts choice into the hands of the bottom — and frees him from having to argue with a top about putting on a condom — we could support."

Moreover, according to a volunteer who distributes Reality condoms in Philadelphia as part of the Gay and Latino AIDS Education's Midnight Cowboy program, the option of advance insertion has many advantages. Hassan J. Gibbs told the *Philadelphia Inquirer* in January that sex workers "really like female condoms because they can be inserted prior to the sexual act."

"And if it's dark enough, the johns never even know."

By 'Scrip or Clinic

Chicago and Seattle have also initiated Reality condom distribution programs. Now the California state AIDS Office has begun providing Reality condoms to clients at some health clinic, including some in San Francisco. Originally the city clinics provided them only to female clients, but the program has been broadened this week to include men as well. Dr. Mitch Katz, M.D., director of the San Francisco AIDS Office, confirmed to the *B.A.R.* a memo to that effect is being drafted for distribution throughout the city's clinics.

Now a foreseeable problem, expressed by Supervisor Tom Amiano's aide Lauri Irving, is that the condom giveaway could prove so popular among male San Franciscans that "the few scant resources allotted for women and AIDS issues will be spent on gay men."

"I'm all for passing them out if they save lives," Irving said, "but I worry about diverting funds from women and not replacing them. We should focus on expanding resources."

Fortunately, health clinics are not the only place to find Reality. They are available at retail drug stores at around three dollars each, and there is the additional option of MediCal reimbursement for those who are eligible and who can find a doctor willing to write the prescription for the device (MediCal billing code X6; product code 9914P; manufacturer's code 11423X6) for a non FDA-approved use.

Dr. Margaret Posher, a San

Francisco physician, told the *B.A.R.*, "As a physician I would want to do anything possible to protect my patients from HIV infection." And as for it being used for anal, rather than vaginal, sex, she said, "We prescribe all sorts of substances that are 'off-label' [for non-approved uses] because we know they work. If I had evidence that this condom worked, I would be happy to prescribe it."

"That data should be made available."

Seminal Fluid Exposure

The data made available to the *B.A.R.*, taken from the study carried out by the Howard Brown Memorial Clinic in Chicago, yielded very promising results. None of the men reported dislodgment, and close examination of the anal condoms found no rips or tears after sex.

When the Reality's disease prevention properties were tested in 1990 by San Francisco AIDS researcher Dr. Marcus Conant and two colleagues, its plastic was found to be impermeable to both cytomegalovirus and HIV. Another study found that women's vaginal exposure to seminal fluid because of dislodgment dropped from 8.1 percent of the time when a Trojan was used, to 2.7 when a Reality was used. Breakage was also less common with Reality than with Trojan Enz.

"No sperm in vagina with proper use," is how the study's overview summarized its findings.

Despite the data, most public health administrators and supervisors seem unaware that Reality condoms can be used for anal sex. With the exception of Stop AIDS's Gibson, none of the officials and educators contacted by the *B.A.R.* knew of the six-year-old Aegis study. Victor Zonona, spokesperson for Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala in Washington, said he had literally no concept of Reality, for vaginal or anal sex.

Zonona, a former reporter for the *Los Angeles Times*, pointed out that George Bush was still in the White House when the FDA panel shut off further research for Aegis. "It's a shame," he said. "This administration believes every new infection is a wasted infection. I've heard the secretary say it; I've heard the president say it."

AIDS czar Patsy Fleming and White House Gay Liaison Marsha Scott did not answer the *B.A.R.*'s calls by presstime.

San Francisco AIDS activist Michael Petrelis became the first male to ask for the internal condoms at the city health clinics, which led to a brief inquiry by the city's Human Rights Commission into whether the refusal to his request constituted sex discrimination, before the policy was changed.

Petrelis said he is outraged that the federal government stopped progress on the Aegis because of blatant homophobia, and also deided health officials for not fully investigating the Reality, which he blamed on "the de-gaying of AIDS" and homophobia.

"According to the most recent annual report put out by the San Francisco AIDS Office (in 1991-92) people with AIDS in this city are 98 percent male," he said in a recent interview. "Eighty-six percent of them got it through male-male sex — and there's this wonderful thing out there that can save lives, but because they're called 'female condoms' even our gay public health officials don't know what they are, or that they've already been studied for anal sex."

Next, he said, he may file a class action lawsuit to make the internal condoms available to men statewide.

"How many gay people must contract HIV/AIDS through anal sex," he asked, "before the authorities think we can handle Reality?"

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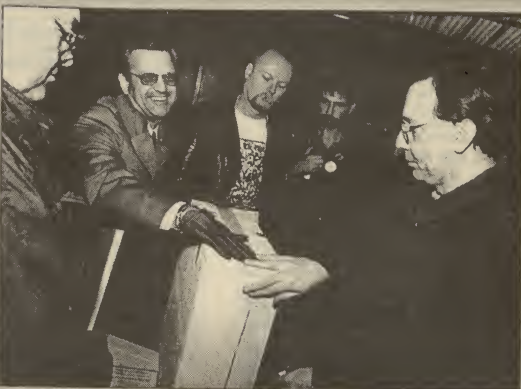


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Royal Duties

Guarders of the Urn seal the ballot box following Saturday's voting for the 1996 Emperor and Empress of San Francisco. The Eagle was one of three polling places for those who braved the rain, cold and wind. The lucky couple will be crowned this Saturday, March 2, at the Gift Center. For more dish on the contest, see Emperor I Marcus' column on p. 48.

WalMart

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as one of 18 workers chosen from some 2,200 applicants.

"It was my first important job," Nuño said. "It was important to me."

"I was very happy to work for the nation's largest retailer."

But about six weeks into the job, Nuño realized that his future with the corporation was not as bright as he first believed.

"My immediate supervisor took a dislike to me after he became aware of my sexual orientation," Nuño told the *Bay Area Reporter*.

Nuño said the harassment initially began with the supervisor riding him to work harder, but then quickly turned into blatant anti-gay job discrimination.

"He picked on me and pushed me to do more work, in hopes that I would quit," Nuño said, "but instead I excelled and became the number one department manager."

In one instance, the supervisor told other workers that Nuño's department – the largest department in the Merced Walmart – was the "queer's department." In another instance he rolled his eyes and made mocking effeminate gestures, replete with a limp-wristed hand gesture, while talking about Nuño to other workers.

Nuño also endured jibes and epithets such as "panty waist" and "fucking fruitcake," was told that he was "sick and disgusting" because of his sexual orientation – and once when a stack of brooms collapsed, he was ridiculed, sexually harassed, and humiliated in front of other managers by a comment that he would enjoy one of the brooms "shoved up his ass," according to the lawsuit.

Nuño notified his supervisors that he could not longer take the anti-gay harassment and resigned in September 1995 – and notified his employer he intended to sue.

Nuño's attorney Paul Wotman told the *Bay Area Reporter* that the firm had refused to respond to

any attempt to resolve the matter out of court, leaving Nuño with no option but to proceed with the lawsuit. Both Nuño's direct supervisor and the store manager were from Walmart national headquarters in Arkansas, he said.

Nuño, whose family is open and supportive of his sexual orientation, said the incident has been especially difficult for his parents. "They're from the old world and it's hard to talk about unless it's absolutely necessary," he told the *Bay Area Reporter*. "But my parents and family are supportive of me, not only financially but emotionally."

Discrimination in employment on the basis of sexual orientation is a violation of state and federal statutes, Wotman told the *B.A.R.*

A jury recently awarded \$15 million in punitive damages to a woman who was the victim of worksite sexual harassment by a supervisor for the national retailer. The damages award was later trimmed to \$5 million, Wotman said. ▼

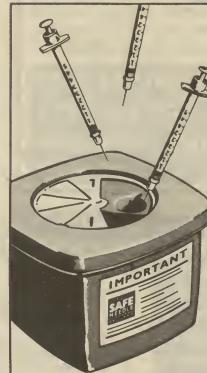
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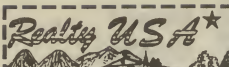
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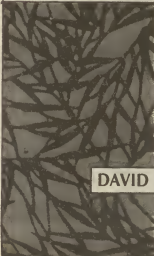
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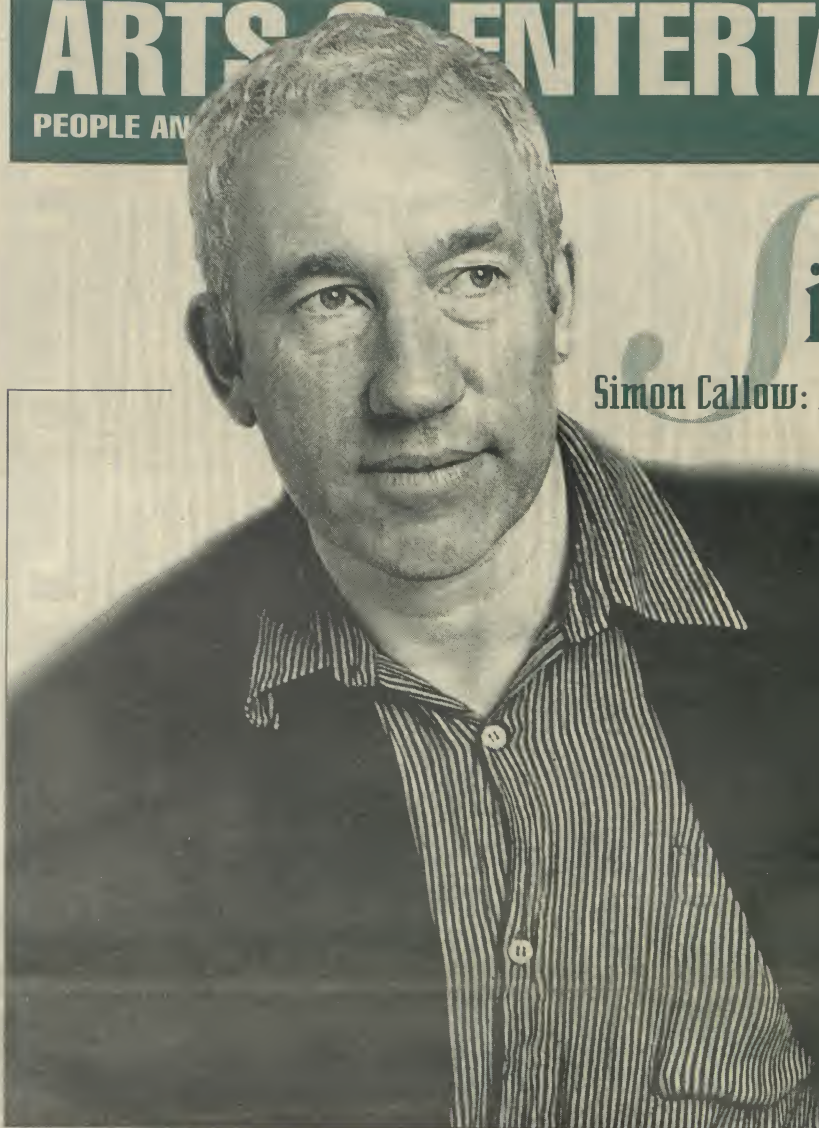


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Simon Says

Simon Callow: A Man for all Seasons—and Tasks

by Will Shank

I met actor and writer Simon Callow in an undistinguished South Bank neighborhood of London called Clapham, where the Royal Shakespeare Company rehearses in an unmarked former schoolhouse. While I waited by the actors' bulletin board in the tiny lobby, the doorman fretted over the lateness of the morning rehearsal, actors and stage hands scurried by, and, finally, the door to the rehearsal stage opened. Out spilled the teary-eyed cast of the new stage version of Jacques Prevert's *Les Enfants du Paradis*, obviously moved by the scene they had just rehearsed. Then out spilled Callow, beardless and trim, followed by his leading man, the matinee idol of Merchant-Ivory movies, Rupert Graves.

The director too had tears in his eyes, and he wiped them away as he greeted me and my two female friends who had also awaited his appearance. I alone was to have his attention for the next hour, however, in a nearby Italian restaurant. (Graves, alas, brushed by me with only a glance of non-recognition.)

Simon Callow's conversation is punctu-

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Better Off Dead?

David Rousseve's *The Whispers of Angels*

by Wendell Ricketts

The most curious aspect of David Rousseve's *The Whispers of Angels*, which received its West Coast premiere at Zellerbach Hall last weekend, is that Rousseve's combination of first-class ingredients — dancers like Julie Tolentino Wood, an original score by Me'Shell NdegeOcello, gospel music sung live onstage by the charismatic Lynette Dupree, and Debby Lee Cohen's superb set — ultimately results in such an unimpressive stew.

Part of the problem may be that the sprawling saga Rousseve tries to tell in *Whispers* — nothing less than the entire history of the African Diaspora and of African Americans in the U.S. from slavery to the present, as told through his hero's family narrative — is just too much story. If so, Rousseve wouldn't be the first artist to have his material get the better of him. And part of it may simply be that, as one of the most important figures working in the genre of dance-theater, Rousseve is still struggling with ways to fuse the two elements effectively.

Unfortunately, anyone who creates in such a style makes his work fair game for criticism both as dance and as theater, and *Whispers of Angels* is something short of fabulous in both realms.

As choreography, what's striking about *Whispers* is how frequently Rousseve requires his dancers' hands and forearms to carry the entire impulse of a movement. A flung-out arm leads the body into a turn; a cupped

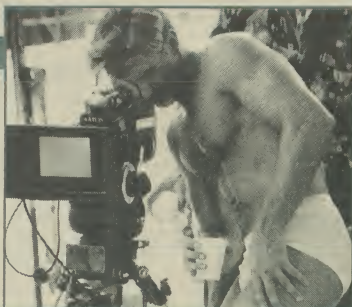
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OUT THERE

by Chris Culwell
and Adrian Roberts

Channeling the spirit of Helen Lawson, Portia Capplethwaite donned sunglasses, spike heels and a wig last week and forced her way into a swanky VIP screening of *Birdcage*, the *La Cage* remake starring Robin Williams and Nathan Lane. Unfortunately, says Portia, there's nothing very important about the Mike Nichols-directed flick, which is set not in the South of France, as in the 1978 film, but in South Beach Florida, with all that that implies.

"I don't remember the original *La Cage* being a made-for-TV film," Portia declaimed indelicately. Indeed it wasn't.

"And I seem to remember that the original script was very funny, very original while still subtle, not mired in topical, au courant gags, like this one [by Elaine May]." As for Robin and Nathan, Portia wouldn't say much, only that she hopes no one mentions the words to Mr. Heavy-hand Nichols and Ms. Freight train May.

Portia was ecstatic about one thing, though, the sight of Gene Hackman in drag bumping and grinding his way through a disco in the film's denouement. "That's worth the price of the ticket."

What? You still want to see *It's My Party*? Well, you wouldn't if you knew what we know. We've sworn not to tell all, but we can say that a little bird told us she hasn't heard so much sniggering, sneering and snoring at a film screening since *Bar Girls*. We're still trying to confirm a story about a critic who lost his lunch all over the person sitting in front of him, but, as usual, no one's talking. How do you spell disaster?

We had an amusing call this week from a reader who thinks she solved that little mystery about Brodrick Haldane, the maybe-he-was, maybe-he-wasn't queen whose curiously-worded *New York Times* obituary was closely scrutinized for its cryptic faggotry in last week's Out There column. Said reader thinks the whole thing was a hoax put on by some very witty, very bored and very gay employees at the world's largest newspaper. "Haldane is more than someone's name," the reader slurred over the phone, his voice barely audible over the sound of ice cubes rattling in a glass in the background. "Haldane is the name of a banned, toxic insecticide for use in gardens. It was introduced on the market at least 80 years ago. I mistake it for Cell-dane [a lithium-like drug] frequently."

Oh My: A clutch of rancorous local critics with lots of time on their hands was overheard gossiping last week at a cafe about those tres recherché pics of Lypsinka that appeared in this rag and in the *San Francisco Examiner*, the one major daily newspaper in town that actually covered Missy Eperson's show at Josie's. "Doesn't look at all like Miss L," was what one ink-stained wretch was overheard whispering to another. "I think maybe she's had a little nip and tuck," said another. The third critic in attendance observed that the photos were rather "old hat, very Silvana Nova," a reference to a once-very-important San Francisco drag queen, now retired to a pied-a-terre in Brooklyn.

It's scary what shows up in our mailbox sometimes. Major record companies with cash to burn are constantly sending us weird little promotional trinkets in an effort to plug the



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latest artists. Some of the strangest ones have included a Mariah Carey toilet seat cover, a solid milk chocolate scale replica of Michael Jackson, and a complete set of Tupperware emblazoned with the R.E.M. logo.

But the best thing to show up in our offices in a long time came not from some multi-million dollar record company, but from Berkeley's own small indie label, Lookout! Records, home to local homo-rockers Pansy Division. Apparently, the band is selling enough records these days to warrant little promo niceties such as the Pansy Division 10 Card Collector's Set. This set of trading cards, complete with sticker and condom, was sent to us along with the Pansies' latest CD, *Wish I'd Taken Pictures*. Easily their most accomplished and varied album to date, it is certainly deserving of a shameless promo item.

Though the cards profiling each of the three members are filled with innocuous trivia (bassist Chris Freeman wants to sleep with Sean Connery; guitarist-singer Jon Ginoli likes long-haired boys), what really makes this package so cool are the photos, which parody the now-famous "exploited-youth-'70s-style" Calvin Klein ad campaign from last year.

New drummer Dustin Donaldson is obviously a boxers boy, while the other two Pansies go for briefs. If this record does better than their previous three, we can only imagine what will get sent to us next time. A pair of official Pansy Division underwear? It's a promotional item just waiting to happen.

Faithful Out There readers and Log Cabin Republicans (can't wait to hear them try to rationalize Pat Buchanan) may remember this column's April '95 item about the redecoration of Rush Limbaugh's NYC digs by a queer designer. Rush's ostentatious spouse Marta had ordered up, among other things, a floor with inlaid lapis lazuli, and, at the request of Mr. Ditto himself, a climate-controlled humidifier for his cee-gar stash.

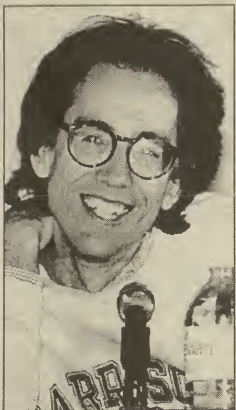
Well, sad to say, things didn't go as well as they might have. The subcontractors screwed up the semiprecious floor and humidifier. But instead of suing the workmen, Rush decided not to pay his designer, who promptly sued. Then Rush countersued. Then Rush badmouthed the guy on his radio show. Then the designer filed a defamation suit. At one point, a New York judge told Rush to pay up (we're talking six figures here) because he didn't have a case, but Mr. Obnox pressed on anyway.

New York magazine reported last week that the case was still in court, but Out There's impeccable source (the proverbial horse's

mouth, as opposed to Mr. Limbaugh, who's the animal's other end in this and all other transactions) tells us that—in a major victory for the gay community—Mr. Designer has been paid in full and is dropping his suit. There apparently were no punitive damages for mental distress, despite the fact that Marta, who couldn't believe her designer was really a homo, kept trying to fix him up with one of her "strictly class" Jersey gal-pals. As for the whole sorry episode, our source comments, "That's what happens when you give trailer-park trash as much money as the Clam-petts." (Question: Does this make Limbaugh Rushtro de Bowden?)

Our diligent Out There gossipmongers' national scoops do not end here. No, no, no. After months of badgering, we've finally pried out of a friend whose friend works in the front office of a non-Bay Area pro football team confirmation of an Internet rumor that the team's onfield leader is a friend of Dorothy's when his cleats come off (and while they're on, come to think of it). The clue for the initials in question: college professor's helper. Doubting Thomases that we are, we're still angling to get firsthand proof—until we touch that member ourselves, we'll never be truly sure, and for you, dear readers, we'll make the sacrifice. Rah, Rah, Sis Boom Bah.

A few Bay Area film types pop up in *Spike, Mike, Slackers* and *Dykes*, the new book by film rep and occasional financier John Pierson. The Roxie's Bill Banning is dubbed a "gadfly" (he's been called worse), wacky Bob Hawk (still a Bay Area at heart despite fleeing our fair town) gets credit for championing *Clerks*, and Marcus Hu's Strand Releasing is



John Pierson

acknowledged for pinching pennies with the best of them.

Pierson has been involved with many les/gay projects, most notably Bill Sherwood's *Parting Glances*, for which he helped secure a distribution deal, and Rose Troche and Guin Turner's *Go*

Fish. Pierson lays out the *Fish* deal in detail, partly to counter the insinuation of *Postcards From America* director Steve McLean that Rose and Guin got a less-than-equitable share of the film's box office. Pierson's jolly book is must-reading for aspiring filmmakers and anyone who wants to know how low-budget films get made.

The March issue of *Movieline* features yet another interview with beautiful young actor Chris O'Donnell, the third one, in fact, this year. We realize he's easy on the eyes, folks, but doesn't this constitute editorial overkill? He certainly doesn't have much to say. After listing a ton of his colleagues' films he hasn't seen—and therefore isn't able to comment on—he finally gets expansive about Johnny Depp: "The guy is awesome." But instead of offering an appraisal of Depp's work, O'Donnell merely relates how he once saw the actor in a Paris hotel but was too shy to talk to him.

The only thing memorable about the interview is O'Donnell's response to the idiotic question.

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Kenneth Branagh's *A Midwinter's Tale* Thespian Prattfalls

by Stephanie von Buchau

There is no spectacle in journalism as disheartening as watching the critical press dismantle an artist it unrealistically built up in the first place. You don't have to like a single line of Quentin Tarantino's smug pulp fiction to feel sorry for the way the press overpraised and is now savaging him. It's self-ha-

tred, of course, and makes the old saw "Those who can't do, criticize" seem uncomfortably apt.

In the case of Tarantino, only his pride is being hurt, since he has contributed virtually nothing wholesome to the world of cinema, but in the case of Kenneth Branagh, it is the moviegoing public that is harmed by critical myopia. You've probably read that Branagh's new film, *A Midwin-*

ter's Tale, is sentimental, unsuccessful, biographical. What you haven't read, at least in the straight press, is that it is a warmly comic tale of the theater with a gay sensibility as big as its heart, and a ton of sophisticated laughs.

A low-budget affair, filmed in black and white (no, Branagh wasn't imitating Woody Allen, as some have claimed; he paid for the picture himself, hence the under \$1 million budget), with a cast of mostly unknown British stage actors, this engaging romantic comedy is obviously a *mea culpa* for the execrable *Mary Shelley's Frankenstein*, a box-office flop in which Branagh tried to out-gross American filmmakers with a vile stew of amniotic and other bodily fluids. (At the same time, Branagh's now ex-wife Emma Thompson was doubling the guck quota in the numbingly awful *Junior*; you can draw your own conclusions about the relationship of onscreen ick to a collapsing marriage.)

Branagh both wrote — and he's a knowing purveyor of campy insults — and directed *A Midwinter's Tale*, but he doesn't appear in it. Wise choice, as his screen persona at the best of times tends toward the epicene, and *Midwinter* is already loaded with characters teetering on the edge of gender confusion. A handsome young actor with flowing locks, a sort of Ralph Fiennes with a sense of humor, named Michael Maloney plays Joe Harper, a struggling actor who has just lost his girlfriend and a three-picture Hollywood deal. He decides to cleanse his artistic soul by producing *Hamlet* in a small village church.

Circumscribed by no funds except for a small loan from his hard-bitten agent (Joan Collins, looking



Photo: David Appleby

Joan Collins and Jennifer Saunders in *A Midwinter's Tale*.

good), Joe assembles a down-at-its-heels acting company of losers who will work for love of Shakespeare and room and board. The actors include a flamboyant queen, John Sessions, who agrees to play Gertrude ("I come with my own tits"); Richard Briers (Claudius), a self-described "grumpy old git" who bonds with roommate Sessions in a delightfully non-judgmental way; Nicholas Farrel (Laertes), a neurotic, politically-correct hunk; and other eccentric actors who double and triple in *Hamlet*'s 26 speaking parts.

The women are equally daffy. Celia Imre, the hopelessly indecisive designer, comes on to Julia Sawalha ("Saffie" from *Absolutely Fabulous*, in a cruel caricature of Helena Bonham Carter, supposedly the "other woman" in the Ken and Emma breakup; clearly there is more here than meets the

eye). Sawalha is the nearsighted, prattfalling Ophelia. *Ab Fab*'s Jennifer Saunders makes an appearance late in the film as a bitchy Hollywood agent (complete with terrible Texas accent) and, to add a drop of normality, Joe's sister (Hetta Charnley) helps the troupe through its multiple crises.

If you demand emotional angst unadorned with irony or a sweet, romantic payoff, it is possible to sneer at this uncomplicated valentine to live theater. But why be negative? Watching superior British actors pretend to bumble through Shakespeare while also playing touching domestic drama kept the moviegoers around me snuffling into their Kleenex — when they weren't falling on the floor laughing. ▼

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Her performance of Richard Strauss' "Four Last Songs" (plus "Morgen" as an encore) last week at the Sunset Theater was well worth the trip. She has a rich, creamy voice of astonishing evenness and real presence. A true musician, she molded Strauss' long vocal phrases superbly, filling them with both genuine emotion and ravishing sound.

Listening to this outstanding Danish soprano's voice was like being swathed in rich velvet. It's a voice San Francisco needs to hear in roles like Strauss' Ariadne or the Maschallin, like Wagner's Elsa, Elisabeth, and perhaps Sieglinde. There are very few true young, dramatic sopranos around today. Meyer-Topsøe is not only the genuine article, she's an artist of the caliber of a Tiana Lemnitz or a Maria Reining. One can only pray she will return soon and often — to San Francisco, next time. ▼

—Paul Thomason



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Real or Memorex?

Man of the Year — Queer Centerfold's Mockumentary

by Robert Julian

When *Playgirl* magazine's 1992 Centerfold of the Year, Dirk Shafer, set out to make his first feature-length film, he turned the camera on himself. As writer, director, and star of *Man of the Year*, Shafer tells the story of his very uncomfortable year pretending to be straight for the sake of *Playgirl*. The format Shafer chooses is that of a mock documentary. In doing so, Shafer loses the credibility of a real documentary and sacrifices the opportunity for satire that a fictional story might bring. The result — neither fish nor fowl — both frustrates and disappoints.

The Oklahoma-born Shafer is not quite the studly hunk one might expect. He has good teeth, a sensational body, and bad skin. Though not a great beauty, he has the kind of face a camera loves. He portrays himself as a rather insecure Midwestern boy, star-struck from an early age. While Shafer is working in LA as a ballroom dance instructor and personal trainer, his best friend Vivian Paxton (played by herself) gets a buddy, Pledge (Bill Brochtrup), to send *Playgirl* a snapshot of Shafer. The photo leads to a centerfold layout and then to Shafer's stint as Centerfold of the Year. Shafer's lover, architect Mike Miller (Michael Ornstein), is not amused, but agrees to go along with Shafer's decision to play it straight for the sake of his career.

Using real television footage, mock interviews, and scripted scenes, writer/filmmaker Shafer tells his story in a visual style that closely approximates that of a documentary. Stephen Timberlake's photography serves the film well in its docu-style. But the most compelling scenes are those lifted from real television gigs — especially Shafer and Paxton's early stint as competitors on *Dance Fever* (they lost). These scenes, and Shafer's charming persona, draw the viewer into the story. But the mock interviews are, more often than not, cloying, self-conscious and off-putting.

Vivian Paxton is pretty much a wash-out. She is particularly unbe-

lievable and over the top in the interview segments. Her failure, as well as that of the actresses portraying *Playgirl* staff members, is the fault of Shafer's approach, not lack of talent. The New Yorkers, in particular, are written and directed like cartoon characters, not real in-

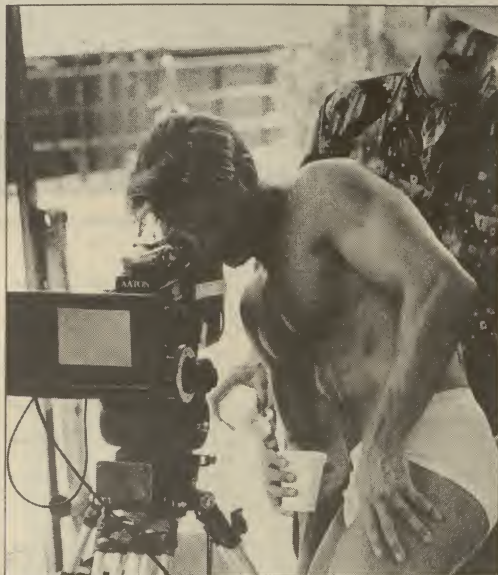
mance, however, Rhonda Dotson as Lady LaFlame, an exotic dancer who develops a pathological crush on the centerfold. Here, Shafer produces some of his best dialogue, and Dotson makes LaFlame spark with her honky-tonk Southern accent and a per-

sonality that is equal parts Anna Nicole Smith and Martha Mitchell.

Man of the Year does provide some interesting anecdotal references to the dilemma of one who "passes." And because Shafer seems such a likable guy, the film may score points for tolerance among viewers who arrive at the theater with very little understanding of gay people's lives. But the tremendous potential of this story

remains largely unfulfilled. Documentary fans will feel cheated; devotees of camp will be disappointed; and the trenchcoat crowd will do better at the Campus Theater — *Man of the Year* has relatively little beefcake and no dick. *Sic transit gloria mundi.* ▼

***Man of the Year* opens March 1 at the Lumiere in San Francisco and elsewhere.**



Dirk Shafer checks out a shot while directing *Man of the Year*.

dividuals. And late in the film, the AIDS diagnosis of Shafer's friend Pledge feels manipulative and gratuitous, a plot device thrown in solely to motivate the leading man's emotional catharsis.

Spinal Tap, the faux documentary of a rock group on tour, worked because of the smart, ironic sensibility the writers and performers brought to their task. But Shafer's need to be taken seriously torpedoed this opportunity in *Man of the Year*. He makes buffoons of others while presenting himself as a naive and well-intended innocent.

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Dirk Shafer and Phil Donahue in *Man of the Year*.

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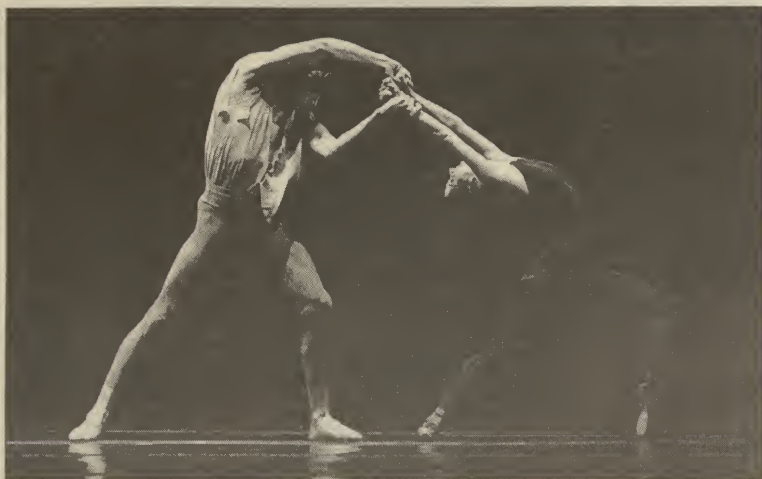
by Stephanie von Buchau

The San Francisco Ballet opened its 1996 subscription season last week at the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts. The good news is that patrons eager to ogle the dancers up close are in heaven in the 700-seat theater. The bad news is that the Opera House, now being seismically-retrofitted, seats 3,200; even with extra performances, that's a loss of 2,500 tickets per performance. In mid-March, this first program is repeated seven times at the Palace of Fine Arts in the Marina; it's definitely worth your attention.

The news of the night was the San Francisco premiere of artistic director Helgi Tomasson's *Tuning Game*, first seen on San Francisco Ballet's New York tour last November. It is neither as repellently Bolshoi as some critics complained — actually, it's not very Bolshoi at all; try the po-po lifts from Michael Smuin's *Romeo &*

Juliet if you are looking for silly sex — nor as musical as others claimed. John Corigliano's acidulent Oboe Concerto yields one great musical joke — the cacophonous "tuning" of the title — and a wildly rhythmic Moroccan dance finale. Otherwise, it is just more jittery modern music, basically unsuited to dance, and sounding even weaker on a program that also features Stravinsky and Shostakovich.

Insidious pigeon-holing accompanies complaints of "Sovietization" and the argument that *Tuning Game* finds Tomasson trying to escape his classical roots. There is nothing more strenuous or awkward in this piece than in his Joan of Arc ballet or in last season's *Sonata*. Tomasson's biggest miscalculation, to my eyes, is an odd take on balletic sexual relations. When Odette kept her back to Siegfried through most of the pas de deux that Tomasson choreographed for *Swan Lake*, it made psychological sense. He had just



Elizabeth Loscavio and Yuri Possokhov in Helgi Tomasson's *Tuning Game*.

betrayed her and she was reluctant to forgive him.

Yet in *Sonata* and *Tuning Game*, both choreographed for Elizabeth Loscavio and Yuri Possokhov, now the company's main romantic duo, I don't understand the reluctance of the choreographer to encourage face-to-face confrontations; in this peculiar "rear entry" style, the guy is perpetually hovering behind his beloved. That is also the standard classical position for a male dancer in deference to his ballerina, so perhaps Tomasson can't give it up even in more modern encounters, but it isn't very sexy. It's not even very kinky. This pas de deux occupies the

third movement of the Corigliano, and is watchable, especially with these dancers, though Possokhov still "emotes" too much for my taste. More successful as choreography is the first movement, in which the orange-clad Loscavio is manipulated on high by a small corps of men; she clearly enjoys dominating them as they scramble and scratch on the floor. (It occurred to me that the inspiration for this is not Bolshoism, but the Paul Taylor of *Cloven Kingdom* — only without Taylor's cheeky irony.)

The second movement is a cipher. A trio for Katita Waldo and two boys — with a masculine show-off contest in its scherzo section — it is not only musically flabby, but dressed in horrible duds by Martin Pakledinaz, with pieces of cloth dripping like moss and vomitous pinky-white colors at odds with the orange, magenta, gold and blue-greens of the other costumes. Virtue never looked so unappealing.

Musical and mathematical genius informs every note of Balanchine's *Violin Concerto*, set to Stravinsky's eponymous work. It has improved all out of recognition since last season's local debut; you can assume that ballet mistress Bonita Borne has been cracking her gold-handled whip. Roy Malan gave the solo part a more acidulous and dissonant performance than necessary, but on stage we were

treated to flawless ensemble work and a pas de deux in the second aria that demonstrated how easy it is to be sexy with subtly stretched bodies — Leslie Young and Jais Zinoun — executing chaste but erotically-charged steps. If you still think Balanchine is dry, watch Young flex her foot or Zinoun gesture eloquently with one arm while the other is curled protectively around his partner's breast.

David Bintley's *The Dance House* has got a bad rep as an "AIDS ballet." Actually, it is a German *Totentanz* (Dance of Death) in which the woolly-headed blue aboriginal (David Palmer) not only claims his young victims — lovers, an entire ballet class, etc. — but also suffers himself, to the haunting trumpet tunes from Shostakovich's First Piano Concerto. Palmer was deeply affecting as the death figure, with Tina LeBlanc, Joanna Berman and Stephen Legate as his principal victims. *The Dance House* would look even better if the disfiguring costumes by Robert Heindel were burned in a symbolic ceremony and replaced with something that didn't cripple the dancers' line. ▼

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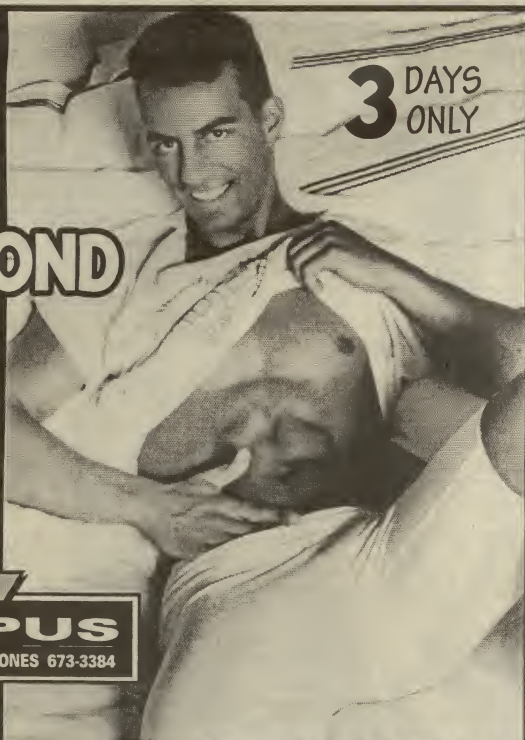
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Paretsky's success has also helped open the door for female mystery writers who have similar concerns about the state of the art. She is a founding member of "Sisters in Crime," an organization that assists women mystery writers and lobbies for more reviews of their work and against sadism and misogyny in the mystery genre. Tickets for this event (\$16) are available through City Box Office, 153 Kearny Street, or by calling 392-4400. ▼



THEATRE

Rousseve

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palm pulls the body inward into a contraction or outward into a lunge; dramatically reaching fingers telegraph changes in direction or level. The obvious benefit of such a style is that it looks energetic: there's a lot of activity on the plane where the audience's eye is most likely to go. What's bad about this is that it quickly becomes, to put it bluntly, boring as hell. The body spends a lot of time waiting on the arms to do something, and the dancer's center is dissipated in a forest of busy extremities. That isn't the whole of Rousseve's choreography, but it's the heart of it.

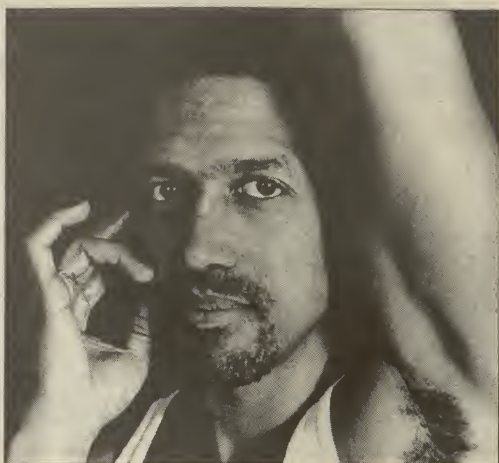
The script — which performing artists (including Rousseve) have taken to calling the "text" because it gets them off the dramatic hook a little — leads Rousseve into another set of pitfalls. Framed as the reveries of a gay black man dying of AIDS "before his time," *Whispers* takes Rousseve's hero on a "Journey of Remembrance," accompanied along the way by the voices of ancestors, the smoky lyrics of Nina Simone, and a hellified gospel-singing angel who first appears high above the stage on a cherry picker.

A tableau of slaves bent to their task in a cotton field begins the tale of the narrator's family history — a tale whose shape is revealed in the discursive storytelling style that Rousseve employed more effectively in last year's *Urban Scenes/Creole Dreams*. And what a history it is. A father's bitterness blossoms when his wife is forced to serve as a wet nurse for a white baby while his own child cries in hunger; a mother scratches out her teenage daughter's eye, hoping to disfigure her so much that the white owner of the plantation won't bother deflowering her (that part of the story is grafted, one suspects, from Toni Morrison's *Beloved*).

Their unhappiness and still-born dreams pass inexorably to Rousseve's present-day character; indeed, they literally run in the blood (in one provocative monologue, the hero's father describes catching his leg in a cotton gin; as his blood pools on the floor he imagines that the angry faces of his ancestors are reflected in it).

Rousseve has said in a number of interviews since *The Whispers of Angels* premiered at BAM's New Wave Festival in 1995, that the piece is in no way autobiographical. Ironically, that may be one source of its flaws. Rousseve hasn't created characters in *Whispers*; he's created symbols — stereotypes, in fact, in the sense that they are shorthand for something Rousseve hasn't painted clearly (a benevolent grandmother stands in for African-American family matriarchy; an alcoholic wife and child-beating father represent the blighted hopes of generations of black heterosexual men). It isn't that there isn't truth in such depictions, only that these are stock characters and had become so at least 10 years ago when George C. Wolfe wrote *The Colored Museum*, in which he lampooned, among other bromides, "The Last Mama-on-the-Couch Play" (in *Whispers*, it's a rocking chair). In other words, if Rousseve's text had been more closely based on his own experience, he might have come closer to the bone.

Instead, Rousseve turns *Whispers* into a sentimental, even schlocky story of post-mortem redemption and reconciliation. If the theme of *Whispers* is that "your dreams always come true if you believe in them enough," the catch is that you have to wait until you're dead. Grandma finally gets the beautiful garden she always longed for — but it's in heaven.



Dance/theatre artist David Rousseve in *The Whispers of Angels*.

Dad embraces his son at last — that's the protagonist's lifelong dream — but only after they've both "passed over." The approach is a peculiarly Christian one: the idea that life is merely the waiting room for the more meaningful existence that follows.

As a result, *Whispers* comes

off, perhaps unintentionally, as a little hopeless. It suggests that the only thing the dying have to look forward to — and we all fall into that category — is death. And if that's what the angels come all the way from heaven to whisper, one might be excused if he doesn't listen carefully. ▼

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Simon Says

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ated with boisterous, rapid-fire laughter: "hah, hah, hah, hah," which is often sincere, sometimes only polite. It was mostly polite as we discussed my presence in London as a conservator of paintings at the Tate Gallery, and secondarily as an entertainment writer for a gay publication. "Our Man in London," Callow observed with that knowing smile.

Callow, 46, is surprisingly handsome in person, with a face

and a voice born for the stage. His most distinctive feature is that pair of voluptuous lips that I noted first on Mozart's actor colleague in *Amadeus*, and later recognized on the Reverend Mister Beebe in *Room With a View*. He, and his lips, reached an even larger audience with the hugely successful *Four Weddings and a Funeral* [his funeral], in which he played half of a gay couple. But his greatest love, I was to learn as our conversation progressed, is clearly the theater.

For lunch, Simon ordered a salad, which arrived at our table slathered in mayonnaise midway through our conversation. He sent it back. He has been "slimming" and last year lost 25 pounds on a diet; he hasn't deviated from it since. Happily he did not proselytize as he watched me eat a meal of carbohydrates that broke all of his rules.

He is visibly lighter than he was in *Four Weddings*, and attributes his condition not only to his diet but also to his current directing gig, which he calls an "aerobic activity." This January day, he is neatly tucked into a jacket, tie and waistcoat, an ensemble of grays and browns with just enough texture to give him away as an artiste.

Our conversation broached, among other things, his film *The Ballad of the Sad Cafe*, which has developed a kind of cult following in the U.S., a role the actor played in *Ace Ventura, Pet Detective*, which paid the bills, and the state of gay theater in London. Time being limited, I was only able to scratch the surface of things Callow, forcing me to leave the book he's just published on Orson Welles (*The Road to Xanadu*), a forthcoming television movie in

Simon Callow, far left, in *Four Weddings And a Funeral*.

which he'll play Charles Dickens, and *Les Enfants* as topics for some future rendezvous.

Will Shank: Carson McCullers' *The Ballad of the Sad Cafe* is one of my favorite novellas of all time. Thank you for making it into a film. It was brave of you to dive into a project based on such a cerebral work. It must have been very difficult.

Simon Callow: The tone of the book is very original. She called it "my dark fairy tale." It is like a fairy tale. I initially wanted to break the mold completely and shoot it in Africa, because it reads almost like something an anthropologist might have turned up,

like some sort of tribal myth that we don't know anything about, a mysterious work. And I tried to keep that tone, because she never explains anything, even her celebrated account of how love works.

Which as I recall you put into the mouth of Rod Steiger.

Yes, I did. [Laughs conspiratorially.]

I've given 20 copies of that book to friends with that passage marked.

Yes, it's a terrifying passage. Terrifying. You know, it wasn't my choice to do *Ballad*. I was sort of told to do it by Ismael Merchant who called me up and said, "It's time you directed your first film."

I'm surprised. I assumed it was a labor of love, something you had carried around in your pocket for years.

Well, it was a labor of love but a labor of new love, not old love. A lot of people also hate it, as we discovered when the reviews came out. The reviews were on the whole very bad, but they were bad for her.

Because the story is so preposterous, which it is, of course, but it's also fascinating.

Well the story is preposterous. But it's no more preposterous than *Oedipus Rex*, which is on exactly the same level.

Where did you film it?

Austin, Texas, in the middle of Willie Nelson's ranch, which I think has been impounded by the IRS. It's a movie set and there's a whole town there called Willieville. It's a very funny name over here. I'm afraid the trailer for *Free Willy* was greeted with out-of-control cries of delight in the British cinema because of its connotations here.

So how did you feel about the film when it was finished?

To start with a film like that was a fantastic risk. I once asked Charles Laughton about *Night of the Hunter*. He felt he'd made a terrible mistake starting with a film like that and said you always start with rubbish, you don't start with "art." He said he'd always wished that he'd started with something like [Billy Wilder's] *The Major and the Minor*, which isn't rubbish but it's just fun, light and delightful. It was very difficult. I had a bad time with the cameraman, which is not good for the film. To put it mildly I had cast two actors who are not pliable talents ... not humdrum actors. Vanessa [Redgrave] was fantastic,

as was Rod, but you take on a lot when you take them on. And it was dogged by all sorts of misfortune and a small budget. We lost one of the actors just before shooting, but then we got Keith Carradine, whom I loved.

You were also in Ace Ventura Pet Detective II. How was that?

Well, it is what it is. It's a rompy kind of vehicle for an extraordinary actor. I've grown to admire Jim. If he's to your taste; either you like Jim Carey or you don't. If you don't like him, you won't like it [*Ace Ventura*] because he goes so far down the road! But I admire him for that; he's sort of like a bendy toy on acid. He really has a bizarre imagination.

It must be a relief to dive into live theater after the tedium of moving-making. Do you establish the ratio between theater and film work in your career? Is your life planned out to that extent?

Inevitably a lot of this has to do with money. The theatre is just preposterously underpaid. I couldn't possibly afford to live on my directing fees. I'm not boasting about it in any way, but I'm very lucky to be able to do this. The fact is that for the ten weeks of preparation for a play, I could earn a comparable amount of money in a week on a film. It's all completely topsy-turvy, but one just knows that it's how it works.

Let's talk about gay theater and what's happening in London. I've only experienced it minimally at the Barbican Centre with John Osborne's A Patriot for Me. I was sort of horrified actually at its political incorrectness, and I wonder if you see that as symptomatic of something.

Well, *Patriot* has a tremendous reputation in John Osborne's canon for being his dramatic masterpiece, and it's almost always done by gay directors. So it's not like it's some heterosexual conspiracy to show an unattractive side of homosexuality. But it's a play from a man who repressed his own homosexuality very rigidly at a certain point in his life. After having been quite active homosexually he just said, "No more." Sir John was incredibly virulent about all of that. One didn't take offense really because he was just sort of a highly cultured street person who ranted in every direction, and some of it was wonderful if he hit the right target. Unless, of course, you were the target. But in 1965 it was quite a sensation because of things like the drag ball, for instance, at the Royal Court Theatre. To see straight actors in drag on stage at that time seemed wildly liberat-

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Working Women Theater Festival Turns Two Finding a Niche

by Matthew Kennedy

The mission of the Working Women Theater Festival, now in its second year, is simple, says Valerie O'Riordan, festival co-director and publicist: "We give voice to women in theater. Judging from the interest that has been generated, it seems needed. There is a real lack [of venues] where women can come together and produce good theater."

The foremost aims of the Working Women Theater Festival are to embrace women on both sides of the stage and to provide a variety of perspectives on sex, life and love. In audience and fundraising efforts alone, festival organizers go after business-women for sponsorship, then turn around and offer participation in the festival to women in shelters and halfway houses. "Theater can give people hope," notes O'Riordan. "Here they can see themselves represented on stage."

In its brief history, the Working



Sweat Girls, Chicago's all-female troupe of writer/performers plays March 13-16.

Photo: Suzanne N. Plunkett



Sarah Ellis in *The Champ*

Photo: Joseph Bullock

Women Theater Festival has already brought together an ambitious program. This year it offers five new plays, four play readings, and two workshops, all scheduled to take place at the 450 Geary Studio Theater. *Faulkner's Bicycle*, by Heather McDonald, will run throughout March. Directed by festival creator Pam McDaniel, *Faulkner's Bicycle* is a ripe Southern family drama involving a senile mother, a rebellious daughter and an aging William Faulkner. "[The playwright] has captured an exploration of the different stages in our lives," observes McDaniel. "The main character, Jett, has run out of creative impetus. She comes home to rummage through the attic of her memories. This piece takes us through a passage of time and propels us into a better understanding of who we are. We need to revisit the past so that it becomes a part of our future."

Something for everybody

Something new will be offered each week. The opening weekend will spotlight two short plays, *The Champ* and *Waitress on P.M.S.*, both directed by O'Riordan. *The Champ*, which premiered at last year's Solo Mio Festival, is all about "the last heterosexual tomboy," and *Waitress*, about a hormone-charged food slave who seeks redemption from her thankless job, is a script O'Riordan has developed with Wayne Doba.

The second week highlights *Sweat Girls*, an all-female troupe of Chicago-based writers/performers whose shows come with provocative titles like *I'm Sweating Under My Breasts* and *I Just Oops Til I Wow*.

Elizabeth Summers wrote *Foster Field* and will perform the one-woman piece during the festival's third week. Directed by Amy Mueller, *Foster Field* features Summers as one of ten black children from Chicago who integrate an Evanston school in the early '60s. *Foster Field* was seen last year at the Climate Theater.

The last fully produced work of the festival is *Hunger*, written by Ki Gottberg of Seattle and directed by Tracy Ward. "*Hunger* is a poetic essay on appetites of all

kinds," notes Ward. "The hunger for experience and knowledge, for meaning through family and children, and the hunger that's repressed by a life of regret. It's not a realistic play in structure — one character eats a lot of carrots and turns up orange. It's very dark and very funny, because it rings true."

In addition to workshops on monologue writing, improvisation and playwriting, the festival is also offering free Monday night play readings. Jeannet Barroga

will read *Good Face*, an autobiographical solo. *The Girlhood of Shakespeare's Heroine's* will investigate the Bard's women. *Tugboat Annie*, the story of a barnacled woman surviving a man's game, will be read aboard the ship Balclutha. Finally, Katy Hickman will direct *Ford Falcon*, the story of Robert McNamara's liaison with the president of a women's college.

With sponsors and audiences lining up to be part of this brainy, thoughtful and rich festival, there is reason to believe it could become a San Francisco institution. "It is our goal," said McDaniel, "to create an annual venue where women can work in artistic collaboration to produce theater. This is foremost a celebration of women." ▼



Foster Field's Elizabeth Summers

Photo: Joseph Bullock

The Working Women Theater Festival runs March 4-30 at the 450 Geary Studio Theater. An opening night gala and reception is planned for March 6. For information and ticket reservations, call the box office at the 450 Geary Studio Theater at 673-1172. Tickets are also available through TIX, Union Square. Discounts available for students and seniors.

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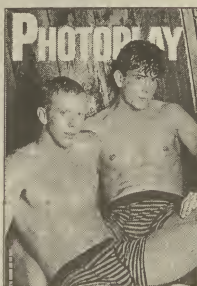
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How I Love You
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This new marketing trend of featuring pictures of half-naked boys lolling about in bed on the covers of compact discs is out of control. Now the marketing geniuses are using this ploy to sell, of all things, show tunes. *How I Love You*, the debut album from a group called Stage 1, is subtitled "a passionate musical experience," and once you get beyond all the homoerotic hype, it is a solid collection of love songs, sung here by robust young men about other robust young men.

At last, gay men can own the

romanticism they've admired from afar, as songs like the Gershwins' "Someone to Watch Over Me" are sung by lonely yet hopeful men



without the usual changing of pronouns. "Although he may not be the man some girls think of as handsome, to my heart he carries the key," the doe-eyed male ingenue sings, and it works. *How I Love You* is queer cabaret at its most earnest and pure, with all the necessary elements: a show tune, a show queen and a sad love story. In addition to the singers, the record features piano accompaniment by Leon Ko, who also contributed all new arrangements. The recording quality is sound, and the five male singers are all

quite good, though sometimes they sound a bit like over-eager chorus boys finally getting their chance to bask in the diva spotlight.

As conceived by co-producer Joey Mendoza, the album takes songs usually sung by women from shows old and new and organizes them into a song cycle following the course of a relationship. Things are rosy when the young lover sings, "I'll sing to him, each spring to him and worship the trousers that cling to him," from "Bewitched, Bothered and Bewildered." Then, once the affair is full blown, the male lovers sing about having to hide their love in "We Kiss In a Shadow/I Have Dreamed," from Rodgers and Hammerstein's *The King and I*. Always a poignant song, this number becomes especially powerful when sung by two men.

Bliss continues with "So Many People," from an unproduced Sondheim musical, and Pippin's "Love Song," which gets a long, beautiful piano intro followed by a tight five-part harmony a cappella treatment. Romance starts to get practical in the medley "Who Are You Now?" from *Funny Girl* and "My Own Space" from Kander and Ebb's *The Act*.

Inevitably, the romance hits the skids and the album gets even better. "Tell Me on a Sunday," the juicy Andrew Lloyd Webber/Don Black weeper from *Song and Dance*, is followed by the regret-filled duet "I Know Him So Well" from *Chess*. This is the only cut on the album that cries out for more than a solo piano. When the song reaches its emotional climax, the piano gets pounded mercilessly, the singers attempt full-throttle emotion and the whole thing sounds silly.

Cole Porter's "It's Alright With Me" indicates that the pain is still fresh, but we're moving on to new faces. Then Jerry Herman's "Time Heals Everything" comes along to pour some salt in the wound ("Time heals everything but loving you."). "On My Own" from *Les Misérables* and "I Still Believe" from *Miss Saigon*, though badly arranged, are fervently sung and keep the torch held high.

The cycle doesn't come full circle, as it ends in *Carousel*'s "If I Loved You" combined with "Loving You" from Sondheim's latest opus, *Passion*. While the former is a beautiful moment of musical supposition, the latter is a piece of psychotic co-dependency. This love song cycle ends in a dark place as the lyric "Loving you is not a choice, it's who I am ... You are why I live," lingers in heartbroken misery. Ah, the joys of show music. ▼

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INTERVIEW

Simon Says

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ing.

It seems to have the opposite effect in this age, rather like Boys in the Band, which I can't imagine staging in the 1990s.

Indeed no.

Otherwise there was [D.M.W. Greer's] Burning Blue.

A dull play, I thought. There was also *My Night with Reg*, at the Criterion. Rather in the manner of, but not totally unlike Terrence McNally. Sort of an English Terrence McNally. It's a group of gay people who get together and they work through a lot ... very frank and very nice ... a charming play.

What would you like to see?

You know what I would really like to do? A gay *Anthony and Cleopatra*; wouldn't that be great? With Ian McKellan, maybe.

You and Sir Ian became fairly notorious at the time of Clause 28 [pending legislation that would have restricted the civil rights of lesbians and gay men in the United Kingdom circa 1990].

Well, it was Ian more than me. He's a much more public performer than I am. My claim to fame was that I was the first established actor not to be "found out" as it were, but to come out. It took a lot of doing. Nobody wanted me to do it. It wasn't my friends who wanted me not to do it; it was the press that didn't want me to do it. So in the end, the only way I could do it was to write a book [*Being An Actor*, his first book]. I sort of felt that I was gambling my whole career.

Clearly that hasn't been the case. Do you feel there's been any negative fallout?

Who can tell? Maybe I'd have been asked to do parts that I haven't been asked to do. I have no way of knowing.

And yet you're enormously successful.

Yes, but I might have been still more successful. But as far as I know ... absolutely nothing. Not even a comment. The thing about Ian was, Ian was a great romantic actor who had played great lovers of women and I hadn't.

Out There

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"What was Joel Schumacher's 'vision' in *Batman Forever*?" (Gee, wasn't it money?) The curious response: "Joel saw large codpieces." (Doubtless, Chris' hefty one in particular.)

Remember Brandon Teena, Sean O'Neill, Jennifer Saunders? The March/April issue of *Girlfriends* will feature an essay by Pat Califia on the spate of recent cases involving young women who have lived, loved, and, in some cases, died as young men. Califia turns her uncanny intelligence and wit on the legal system, the medical profession, "family values," and even gay activists for misunderstanding and contributing to the tragedies faced by lesbian and transgendered youth. You can't miss the issue, it'll be the one with the glamorous photo of *Skin*, the beautiful lead singer of Britain's rock Skunk Anansie, on the cover.

Who's That Girl? Many Out There readers called last week wanting to know the identity of the politico mentioned last week in Herb Caen's column who was seen brandishing weapons in a

You were more of a character actor.

That's right, and of course I already had a history of alternative choices in the theater. In 1977 I was in a Martin Sherman play which in its own gentle and sweet way was a tremendously radical piece. It's a sort of romantic comedy in the tradition of *Bringing Up Baby*. But it was gay without ever making comment on it at all. That was the radical thing. That was the shock and the thrill. That's the best sort of gay play. That's my hope for gay theater. I did a play of Larry Kramer's a few years ago, but it was of a genre I'd rather avoid on the whole as a gay actor and director; which is to say it's about the anguish of being gay.

I recently saw Marcus d'Amico on stage in Lord Byron's Cain. He has also played two of the great gay parts in Tales of the City and Angels in America. I wanted to interview him, but the Royal Shakespeare Company's press office tells me he's interviewed out. Of course, Marcus is a huge icon in San Francisco because of having played Michael Tolliver. It was hard to believe that his most famous roles don't reflect his own lifestyle.

Apparently not.

Or so the press office says.

So Marcus says!

He's an icon in San Francisco, for obvious reasons. Do you know San Francisco?

I first went there in 1980. I worked on the campus at Berkeley and performed there as part of an Anglo-American summer school. I taught, directed and acted. Just for a fortnight: halcyon days. I go back regularly, but always for short stays. I've recently been back because I've been involved in making a cartoon for Disney called *James and the Giant Peach*, in which I am one of the voices. So I found myself there about three months ago.

You did the recording in San Francisco?

All over the place. Sometimes here, sometimes New York. Once memorably I even recorded a bit over the telephone. ... San Francisco is physically such a rapturous place. Such a witty place, too. Last

time I went to the garlic restaurant.

The Stinking Rose on Columbus Avenue. I live there in North Beach.

Yes, of course — it's chic to reek! And I saw *Hollywood Blanket*.

Beach Blanket Babylon — it's an institution. It grabs you by the ears and doesn't let you go for two hours.

Quite right. And then there's the Castro, where just the ease and acceptance of the gay life is so relaxing. It used to be true of Christopher Street, and perhaps it still is, but there's nowhere quite like the Castro.

London's is a strange gay scene. You have Old Compton Street, which seems so completely ghettoized.

That's very new, though. It all just sort of sprang up overnight about five years ago. Soho was absolutely a dreadful area. It had really lost all of its character and charm. From time immemorial, it was just sex shops, heterosexual shops ... a red light district really. There have always been gay baths, bars, discos all around the place, but first there was one bar, Compton's, then business really boomed there, and now Old Compton Street is sort of exhausting. All constricted to one little patch. It's so different from the Castro. You are lucky to live in San Francisco.

Indeed I am. ▼

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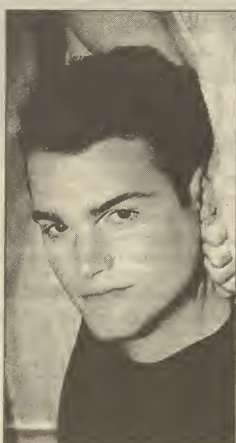
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Chris O'Donnell: Boy Wonder

Polk Street bar and badmouthing Da Mayor. Well, we're not about to tell, but we think it's the same person who's frequently been spotted weaving down 10th St. on his way to (or perhaps from) Don Ramon's restaurant ▼



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PARTING
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Van Ness Bus
Set Feb 3 Around 5pm
You: Red hair, black jacket and jeans.
Me: Buzzed-off hair, long dark green jacket.
We both got on at market. You got off at California. You weren't, but would you like to? **8701.**

Paul: Castro Street, Feb 2
You: Cute, with two friends, heading home. Me: Older, dark hair, black jacket & jeans. We exchanged names as you crossed Market. Want to meet you? Please call. Randy. **8702.**

Mimi Metro To Van Ness
2/2 Fri 8:30pm
We both transferred to #47. I was with a friend and couldn't talk, you were reading Steven King. We smiled when you got off to walk up Van Ness. Would like to meet again. **8703.**

Shades, Wed. 1/31, 5pm
You sat at table across from me. said it was cold in there. Then you asked about Billy Williams in the news. Later, I told you not to sign the forms outside. Friend dragged me away. Want to meet you. Call. **8704.**

Polk St. Sun 1/28
Hans Korean BBQ
You: Active, husky, red head man walking white dog. Me: Glasses, balding, having lunch with a friend. We spoke all too briefly. I would love to see you again. Call if you fell the same way. **8705.**

Robert
You are Indonesian & live in Nob Hill Area. I am GWM, moved from Oakland to SF since we met at N. Touch. Last saw you on #1 bus. Last your phone number. Call. **8705.**

Stud Wed 1/31, Jock-Becks
It's gonna get worse. You left so quickly. What's your story? It's our turn for the next round! Let's hook up. Me: Tall, dark leather vest. Friend: Shorter, jeans, hat. You: Shortest, hot looking for a good time. **8707.**

Andy, 2/2 Friday A Language Of Their Own
Saw next to you and chatted before and after the show. You speak fluent French and you were with a friend from Europe. Too shy to offer you a ride. Singly? Interested? Let's meet for coffee. Me: Filipino w/ a good heart and a friendly smile. **8801.**

Andrew Bk Bodybuilder W/ Big Dick
We met 2/11/96 in the Castro on a hot day. You looked very hot and I loved the hot sex we had back at my place. You can really fuck. I lost your number, please call Tony, Italian BB, for more hot sex. **8802.**

Cause The Messager
We met once in 92-yr we looking for a conversation partner in Mandarin. We ended up giving each other massages, among other pleasures. Would like to connect again. **8803.**

33 Ashbury Ward Line
You: combed back red hair, moustache, great eyes. Got on bus at Castro, got off at Geary and Arguello. May talk, dark hair, husky. We made eye contact-would you like to talk? **8804.**

Feb 11, 2:30 pm Int'l N-Hunky
You were too. You: big guy in plaid shirt. Me: short overalls, leather baseball cap. We first saw each other in restaurant, both with friends. As you left, we both started a lot. Let's give ourselves another chance to say hello. **8805.**

Mark we met
City Athletic Club Dec 95
Ran into each other spota several times. I asked if you'd like to get together for a drink or lunch. You ride a motor cycle, have lived in SF for 5 yrs. Fr. Ohio. Catholic. Me: have a Vespa. Fr. LA. lost gym membership would like to connect. **8806.**

Great Thighs-City Athletic
Eyed you in the locker room one morning just before 9. I uttered my admiration as I passed by (hunky guy in ass towel). You acknowledged my comment, we both smiled at each other. But I was in a rush. Call me. **8846.**

2/11 Folsom Video Booth
You shaved head, muscular bottom. Me: top. I want more. How about a sing party, you shut. Call me. **8847.**

Pierre @ Naha, Sunday Feb 11
It's Troy, not Sam! We spoke briefly at Naha was looking at some books. You were with a friend! I wanted to speak more. I'm glad you asked. Let's meet. Please call. **8848.**

Paolo/Monica Met At Universe, 2/10
You: tall med-bk, goatee, glasses, wearing shorts. Me: med built, goatee, short hair, wearing denim overalls. You came by shirtless and introduced yourself. Got separated. Didn't get chance to give you my #. Martin. **8849.**

Headlines On Castro 2/15
You: Tall, red jacket, blk jeans, tan boots, blonde w/goatee. Me: red cap, blk & red plaid shirt, jeans w/ friend. Saw you later on phone in front of Metro cruised each other but too shy. Did we connect? Dinner, maybe more? **8901.**

#24 Bus 2/18 8pm: Royal Ground 2/18 8:30 pm
Smiled at you on bus (walked back from Geary to Ellis but you were gone) & again at Royal Ground on Fillmore. You: amazingly cute, gold earring in left ear. Me: tall, dark, would love to meet you. Please call. **8902.**

Daniel
We met at that sleazy place in the tenderloin on a Tuesday night. You took my number. You used it once! I wasn't home. I'd like another shot at it. Frank. **8903.**

Valley Of The Dolls 2/8/96
I bought your last Helen candle. I must have Anne, Jennifer & Neely. Your energy seemed warm & friendly. Let's meet. Call me, I'm David. **8904.**

Brian
We met and spent an absolutely incredible 6 months together in Denver. I recently saw you @ 18th and Castro with some guy hanging on you. I need you, I love you, you look great. No more Crystal in my life. Please call, I miss you! **8905.**

Frans Dresser Book Signing Sat Feb 17
You were standing in front of me in line to get book signed. You were wearing blk, dk hair, great gm eyes, carrying shopping bag. I was wearing denim jacket, br/gray. We chatted briefly but felt uncomfortable conversation. **8906.**

Nike Wed 2/14
Met you briefly on Valentine's Day at Lion's Pub. You on your way out with female friend. Ran into you again outside. Too stumped to ask for your number. Would like to get together again. **8907.**

One Rainy Sunday Afternoon On 2/18
You cute white guy with nice legs walking on Calif. St. towards Van Ness. Me: Asian wearing Khaki shorts and red cardigan standing on the corner of Calif. & Polk. We caught each other's eye. You glanced back 3 to 4 times wanted to say Hi, but too shy. Let's get together! **8908.**

Bruno's 2/20 8:30 pm
You: Handsome BM with WM friend, baseball cap. Me: WM with older friend. We said hello as we passed on the way to man's room. Wanted to follow you in exchange for cleaning, laundry, life meals, and whatever else! Redwood city area. **8908.**

Patio Cafe, 2/18, 1pm
You were with two friends. I at the next table with one. Our eyes met a few times. **8965.**

SEEKING
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M-M

Are You Ready For Your Massage?
GWM, 47, HIV+, 6', 200#, br/bl, handsome, card master enjoys giving strong relaxing massage to walking tops who'll return the favor with a deep prostate massage. LTR A+. **8774.**

Wolf How To Territory
Looking for an alpha to follow or a pup to lead. I'm GWM, 32, 5'10", 185#, br/bl, bearded furry. I'd like you to be GWM, thin, tall, fair complexion, between 25-45. **8778.**

Hairy Stud
Like to service confident, aggressive hot top to lead. I'm GWM, 32, 5'10", 185#, 150#, goatee, built chest, total top with big dick. You: Under, 35, attractive, total bottom eager to please. ISO GWM for good sex, possible romance, affection, fun. Healthy men only. **8708.**

Seeking Friendship And Mutual Love
I'm a young 46, 5'7", br/bl, GWM, seeking to meet other healthy HIV+ or negatives, that have days enjoy. I enjoy music, movies, lunches, local travel and an open to new experiences. Seeking friends & LTR too. **8709.**

Black Handsome Buck Topman Sought
Are you normal, traditional, down to earth, caring, loving, honest, affectionate, home body for great kisses, open minded, aggressive sexually, like hand in glove. Me: HIV+, 6'3", br/gray, beard, healthy, strictly bottom, 2 bodies as one, honest, waiting for your touch. Jerry. Be my fantasy. **8710.**

Seeking An Asian Luv
I'm 38, GWM, stable, honest with a muscular body. Wanting to date a gilding, smooth skinned, dandified, Asian who is level headed and sincere. Please, no game playing. **8711.**

GWM Seeks GWM
GWM, 44, 175#, 5'11, br/bl, HIV-, NS, ND gym toned, daytime medical professional, nighttime blues musician seeks GWM, gym-toned, smooth, caring, interested music, meeting with view toward LTR. **8712.**

Romantic
GWM, HIV-, attractive, 31, 6'0", 180#, people tell me I have a nice butt and a great smile. Seeking GWM, HIV-, 25-40 to share adventures and adventures with 6 possible LTR. **8714.**

Wanted: Master Wright
I'm 5'7", 140 GLM, I'm looking to meet someone with a good heart, that loves to cuddle spend quiet times also likes to go out dancing with GWM or GLM that could possibly lead to a relationship. Serious only. **8807.**

Is Your Sweet Heart
So hidden with in your husky body no one looks for it. Do the big tall, steel grey Dads you want only satisfy their needs? Come to papa. I'll nurture and shield you from storm times also I adore you thick mainly exterior. **8716.**

Asian Seeks Masculine Male
I'm 5'7", Asian, 145#, workout, 22yo and attractive. You taller, attractive, muscular. Age and race unimportant. Call and see what we have in common. **8717.**

Husky Houseboy Peninsula/GC
WM 36 yo, 6'1", 210, Br/Bn/stache, very clean. Sucks live-in position (room) in exchange for cleaning, laundry, life meals, and whatever else! Redwood city area. **8808.**

Normal Type GWM
GWM 5'10", br/bl, pulis seeks similar. Only want sincere gilding non-game playing, non-bl friend for LTR. 20-45 MA 32 no disappointment. **8719.**

Marin/Novato HIV+
This 5'8", 135#, br/bl, new to CA seeks honest, sincere, passionate, monogamy with that special man. I'm healthy, spiritual, versatile and love life. Light smoke, ND, 40yo (look younger) I've come a long way to find you. Let's travel this journey together. **8720.**

Solid Professional
Kind, gentle Northern European American (red hair, fair complexion, high cheekbones), 30, 5'11", 185#, shy, ISO monogamous relationship with a handsome, sweet, solid man 28-45 who enjoys movies, classical music, sunbathing, laughing & kissing. **8721.**

Friendship Based On Equal Trust & Respect
5'10", 167#, clean cut, br hair, average looks. If our friendship would become more over time that would be fine. Hope to meet someone who loves life. Do not go by what I sound like, but what I say. Please call. **8722.**

Seeks GWM SF Top
For GWM 100% bottom. Objective, LTR, monogamous, mutual love, trust. We are both HIV+, romantic, healthy, enjoy going out, staying in. Me: Generous, sub-active, Posing, kissing. **8723.**

Latino, 35yo, 6'8", 180#, tops
Looking for Latino 33 to 37yo male, HIV-, who lives in SF as well. I'm healthy, sincere loving and loveable. Must be gilding. **8723.**

Young Man Available
Daddy needed to assist very handsome, committed, loving, young man in acquiring small studio apt in SF. Very open to various exchange. Possibilities such as personal assistance, travel companionship, and the like. Hoping for a mutually beneficial experience. **8725.**

Seeking Romeo
GAM, 23, very attractive, intelligent, romantic, a boy with a heart with an adventurous wild side. seeking GWM, 21-35, handsome, young in looks & spirit, sincere, warm, funny & honest, for monogamous relationship. Fancy a moonlight walk on the beach & a conversation over a cappuccino in front of a fire? **8726.**

Rather Make Love?
GAM, 20's, boyishly cute, tanned, 5'6", lean, gym-toned, into alternative rock, eclectic taste, spirituality seeks cool, down-to-earth kind-guy. Who rather make love than have sex Under 35 please. **8728.**

Great Guy Seeks Companion
For walks in the rain and dances in the dark. Creative, curious, GWM, 44(ton paper), 5'8", 140#, HIV-, br/bl, looking for similar bud to share experiences, strengths, hopes and selves. Let's start over coffee. **8715.**

Built Strong And Husky
Hairy, GWM, 5'9", 195#, 45yo, fun loving contractor with educations likes dog, gardens, good foods seeks similar rugged blue or white collar man. **8727.**

Go For It
50's ass loved to be played, by hung men, older man appreciate it more E bay. **8713.**

The Great Outdoors
GWM, 44, 5'11", 250, seeks younger mate for LTR to live and work in the logging industry. If you are tired of the rat race except for holidays in the city you're my man. **8718.**

Wanted:
Tail Furry Top Dad
33, 5'10", 155#, Br/Br, moustache, HIV+, healthy, very attractive bottom. Looking for a top who's 38+, furry, moustache, looking for a relationship. We are sincere, professional, romantic, enjoy motorcycles, 50's, leather and all the finer things in life. Prefer NS/ ND and HIV+. **8809.**

Platonic, Good looking, Slim, Retired Guy
Moustache, creased, hip 5'9", 150#, HIV-seeks similar guy, nonsensual. Interests: music, opera, politics, science etc. Smoke & Bars OK. SF. **8810.**

GBM 41 Attr 5'7 1/2"-180
A very nice person seeking a person like myself. Who enjoys long walks, good home cooking. Someone. A person with a real good understanding for life. I hope you are that person. **8811.**

Rub Goatses Together
Goated red-head, 31, 6'1", 185#, HIV-seeks goated GWM under 35, slim to mid, HIV. You & I are romantic, spirited, intelligent, copulating, and love sharing ideas as much as physical passion. **8812.**

New In SF
Looking for gilding GWM, 18-30 yo, Bid. for possible relationship/ friendship. Me: GAM 25 yo, 5'11", 145#. Please call. **8813.**

Muscular Submissive
That's what I like-muscular, buffed men, mostly bottom. I'm handsome, successful, happy, 42, 6'1", 180#, HIV- Good husband material. Exp with intimacy & rels. Sseek special friend in 30's for dating. LTR. NS/NS. **8814.**

Financially Secure Male
Wanted
By me for a relationship for just good times. I am intelligent, educated, attractive and gilding. **8844.**

Wolf On A Fox Hunt! ISO All-Amer Boy!
Masc, top, 38, 6'2", 254#, Br/Bl, mod hairy, stocky, solid, handsome sks fox (22-36) whi/his (gymboy, jock, skater) w/hot body/looks! LTR: Educ, ampt, romantic, HIV+ and healthy. Likes to be 2 blk leather, tan lines or long hair a +, GBF pleasurable as a must! Your cocksize is unimportant, big heart and good mind! si **8850.**

Duh...Continued?
If the word "duh" has lost a lot of your sentences, you may be duh guy. I'm looking for! Are you just a regular "bliss come type" guy? I'm a GWM, 47, 6'10", 190#, LTR buzz haircut, clean shaven, masculine, HIV+, top, NS. You should be very similar and in your 30's and ready to settle down. Call Me! **8851.**

AIDS Widows Seeks Boyfriend
Have you lost your lover to AIDS? Are you ready to date again? Me too. After 2 yrs I'm ready for a boyfriend. I'm masculine GWM, HIV-, 40 yo, 5'8", uncult, balding/bm/gray hair, goatee, hairy, I enjoy mt. biking, walks on beach, dinner, movies, outdoor, going to gym & cuddling. **8852.**

Bear Hunting
Looking 4 dk haired bear older, hairy, bearded for fun times. I'm 27, br/gm, goatee, 165 #, you be 30+, funny, sexy, stocky or bealy with hairy chest, kind heart, and looking for a good looking cub. **8861.**

Wanted: Spiritual, Adventurous, Caring, Energetic, Young Guy
Spiritual, loving, adventurous, handsome, mature man in wheelchair finishing law school. Seeks bighearted guy who fears nothing and wants committed, monogamous relationship. **8862.**

I Know You're Out There Somewhere...
33, 5'8", 155#, masculine, hairy guy, buzz & goatee, rugged and tumble yet very romantic. Seeks fun masculine guy same age & body size preferred. Ready for great relationship with great guy. **8909.**

You're One In A Million
A true class act. A man of physical, mental, and spiritual growth. I'm a gym fit 42yo GBM, bearded with shaved head and big dick. I love music, literature, and hung variataa guys under 30 yo. **8910.**

Saxy Bushdust Hit
Still seeking attractive man of substance, purposeful, generous, spiritually directed, with a taste for irony. 27-40. I'm 34, lean, attractive, young, 5'10", 150#, gm eyes into yoga, cycling, theater and the world around me. **8911.**

Looking For Love
Gilding GWM 38, 6', 180# and HIV+ Seeks other gilding positives for friendship and more. You must be gilding and between the ages of 30-40. Please NS. ND. Give me a call, you will not regret it. **8912.**

Look No Further
GWM 33, 6' seeking GWM for good times and good conversation. Smoker & social drinker OK. MA: healthy, HIV- with nice body & looks & personality to match. Good personality w/weight comparable to height. **8913.**

Hands On
Hung HIV+ GBM seeks GWM for possible relationship. Bi OK S/B in shape under 50. **8914.**

Hard Body Seeks Same
Saxy GWM 6'3", 190#, NS, ND 35 into working out, outdoors, looking to meet GWM 29-39 who like me, is in great shape HIV- works out and values honesty and communication. **8915.**

HIV+, Athlete's Social For Singles
Wanna meet hot, healthy, HIV+, gym boys that are single? We do exist! If you wish to meet, romance, or just play with our hair, call to find out about this social. **8916.**

Seeking Bottom HIV+
Bi WM, 6'2", great shape, HIV+, 35, shy, but sexually aggressive top, looking for attractive 38-55 HIV+ for sex and romance. **8917.**

Heavy Set WM Seeking Sincere Asian
Recently single WM, 6'3", 275 # looking for sincere GWM 40-44. Likes movies, dinner, quiet times with right person. Prefer top but versatile OK. **8918.**

Looking For A Nice Guy
Gay Eurasian, 6'1", 27, 260 #, very handsome, intelligent & down-to-earth. ISO GWM, 25-35, please be honest & sincere. Looks are not important. Your hair is! Serious rapists only. **8919.**

Wheelchair Confined
WM, 5'8 1/2", 180#, 60's uses walker/wheelchair due to arthritis, swollen feet. Parkinson's seeking sympathetic companion, driver sex buddy. Age not important. Asian under 25 is a plus. LTR possible. **8920.**

Seek GWM Big And Titch
Very attr GBM, 40's, 5'10", 165#, HIV-, in very good shape, smooth body, nice cock. Seeks GWM 46 to 65 HIV- stock with a big, thick cock who likes to lay back and be serviced for hours (you will not be disappointed, promise). **8921.**

Intimacy Required In Wet Creek
Tall, slender, handsome, bearded, loving, caring, intelligent, SWM, 51, HIV+. Need to share life, both the good and bad times, with someone who cares about the quality of life, and other people. **8922.**

Well Educated GAM
I'm 34 yo, HIV-, 5'4", 140#, well humored, soft spoken, mild temper. Enjoys Star Trek, plants, weight lifting, drawing, painting. Seeking friendship/LTR with White, Latino, or Black man 25-50, ND, NS. Wants a guy who believes sex is the spice in a relationship and knows the man course. Science-minded men a +. SF residents only. **8923.**

Boy Wants To Meet Daddy
Ma: GWM, 5'11", 170#, HIV+, 31 yo. Looking for total top daddy only. Chest hair a must. I'm kind of shy to cook and watch movies at home. Love cuddling & kissing. Older daddy preferred. 40-56. **8924.**

Mature Dad Seeks Son
Dad is 72, 5'8", 160#, dominant and can be a bit but considerate master as well as daddy to an 18-45 gilding sexy boy who enjoys company of a more mature man, both in/out of bed. Ongoing pfd. **8925.**

HIV+ Mexican Boyfriend Wanted
Attractive, athletic, tall, trim, freckled Anglo with beautiful body seeks sexy, slender, healthy Mexican guy. **8926.**

SEEKING ADVENTURE M-M
JO Buddy Wanted 18-24
Well hung GWM, 24 looking for a WM JO buddy 18-24. **8928.**

Hung Guys Wanted!
I am looking for guys who are hung 9" or more for fun and good times. If you are hung over 9" a + **8730.**

Wanted: Slave Boy
Mature/experienced master seeks submissive bottom into humiliation, VA, SGM, etc. Must be exhibitionist, 35-45, smooth (or willing to be shaved). Limits respected, novice or pre-trained OK. **8731.**

Bearded Dad
SF, GWM, 50+, 5'9", 145#, gray hair/beard, healthy, oral, seeks masculine guys over 30 with facial hair who enjoys sensual play in rubber/leather gear. Lat Dad take care of you. ND, NS. **8732.**

Masc GLM, Seeks Effeminate GM
Masc, GLM, 40, 5', 165#, dk-hv 6 moustache, moderately hairy. Looking for a younger 21+ effeminate GWM, GAM who is affectionate and enjoys giving slow sensual oral service to me all over. **8733.**

Could I Be The One?
Gym-toned, 42, GBM seeks a young under 30, versatile guy that's hung big like me for safe, passionate, love making. Or maybe we could do lunch or take in a movie. **8734.**

Wanted: Masculine Top For Daytime Sex
WM, muscular, Italian-Irish seeks a hot hairy top, for daytime sex. You should be in-shape masculine and like to fuck. **8735.**

Wanted:
Daddy Fuck Daddy
Ma: 35yo, 160#, Italian, healthy, HIV+, sexually aggressive, bottom (usually) smoker. You: 35-50, masculine, hairy (facial hair a+), top, HIV+. No nonsense, come on! Just hot, serious sex. No freaks. **8736.**

Husky Hispanic Bottom Wanted
Hung, mature black top man would enjoy hot sessions with a mature, manly Hispanic man. I've always dreamed about being a Daddy. Other races welcome but must be husky and masculine. **8737.**

Order Me
Mostly straight WM, 40, with trim build, wants to take safe, painless orders from masculine guy 20 to 40 with trim build. **8738.**

Third Man Wanted
My very cute blond friend wants to be plugged by 2 hunks. He also wants to be fucked by 2 hunks. He's a very nice, Asian bodybuilder/prince with another cute bottom man/boy. You: Trim or muscular, attractive, with playful uninhibited attitude. **8743.**

Palo Alto Filipino Cock Shaver
36, 5'11", 180#, blk/bn, needs cock to ride my ass merciless. Have lips will travel. I want to see you. Fr. Panama. Available 12am-12pm. Anytime, weekends. **8740.**

Handsome Hung Top
Is available for hot action with very willing sexy bottoms, 20-50. I have 8" and really want to play. If you do, give a call. **8741.**

Asian, Honest, HIV-, BC, Top
Gilding down to aarb, 26, 5'07", 110#. Seeking hairy, GWM, HIV-, clean shaven, NS, ND, 19-35. Let's get down. Hot Sex BC all day. **8742.**

GBM Needs A Top
Masc, attr, 30's, facial hair, well-endowed, you must be the same. Letter types a +. Want to experiment with fetishes and being a bottom. **8743.**

Seeking Uncut Fun
Tall, husky, young, 40, uncult, GWM. Wants men with big, uncult cocks for safe/sane play. All ages, races and body types welcome. Must be discreet, hairy 9", no fems please. **8744.**

Hot Mouth
Need masculine male service orally. Must be disease/drug free. You don't need to be 10". Just be real and enjoy looking back. One time or regular basis. Convenient location, no reciprocity required. Discrete. **8745.**

Harvey Old Man
60yo, bottom in San Rafael needs occasional safe fuck. Would like to meet someone desiring no hassle relationship. Regular basis. Discrete, tolerant, liberal. **8746.**

Attrac, Bottom
Gilding, masculine, in-shape, WM, 32yo, 5'10", 170#, seeks masculine, in shape, top between 26-40yo for hot sex. **8747.**

Show Off!!!
Strip down and show off. Exhibitionists needed for nude, mirror, jock strap and lycra performances. Solo or groups. Lets make it hot. Muscles worshipped and creativity encouraged. **8748.**

Experienced Fucker
Wanted
No kids, no old men, just in shape, nice cock. HIV+, top to fuck gym boy, bubble butt, 34yo, 5'10" seeks fun, guys for sweaty sessions. **8749.**

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Boy Dog
Seeks master. Must have all necessary dog training equipment, bag, lead, leash, collar, dog bowl, plus, plus, plus and dog bowl. I love everything about the doggie lifestyle. ☎ 8760.

Athletic European Prof.
5'10", 160#, very well hung, wants smooth muscular Asian for hot sex and maybe more. ☎ 8827.

Dad's A Butch Bottom
Handsome, healthy, man, with a hot, hairy butt. Dad's 48, 5'11", solid body, huge, thick nipples. Seeking masculine, healthy, handsome, top for long slow sessions. Days and eves. Late OK. ☎ 8761.

Important Need To Become Patient
Attractive, GWM, HIV+, healthy, 40's, bl eyes, 160#, long dr/bld hair 6'2", 31w, important need similar GWM to suck my ass hole & fuck me with his hairy cock. I'll suck & eat you. Help me shoot my load. ☎ 8752.

Snell And Taste Of Cock
8 in shape, HIV-, w/ me, love getting sucked. I'm 50, 5'8", 140#, great mouth and hands. ☎ 8763.

Arab Houseboy Servant For Underfed Men
Gd king Arab, submissive houseboy, available to serve you. Windows, floors, bathrooms, kitchens, rugs, dishes for uniformed men. Very trust worthy. ☎ 8764.

Sound Bare-Butt Spanking For Bad Boys, Punks
Troublemakers. You're 20's/30's, slender, good butt. I'm 42, 5'8", 150#, attractive, fit, experienced CS optional. Tough or funny, smartass or submissive, play or real thing, only thing for sure your butt will burn. ☎ 8755.

Attention Black Cherry Bottom Ad #8631
Top, HIV-, masculine, hairy, affectionate GWM, would love to get together but unable to call you as I currently have 900 block on my phone. Please call me instead. Thanks. ☎ 8756.

Chubby Chaser Wanted
GWM, 5'11", 300#, seeks affectionate, aggressive, mainly top. I enjoy reciprocal oral and being fucked. I prefer hairy, hunk men 30+. ☎ 8757.

North Bay Service
Tired of self service late? Try full service. Safe, discreet, bi male searching for masc, str8, bi curious, who enjoys kicked back pleasures. HIV-, and maintain staying power. Size a plus. No recip. A1 for your enjoyment! ☎ 8758.

Limits Expanded
Dominant leather top, 43, 5'8", trains you to handle more, endure more this service to my boots, my mouth, all my needs, bondage and more. Not just a one night stand or quickies, devoted service. ☎ 8759.

Big Beautiful Buns Wanted
You: young stud with fat, smooth, round buns for rimming session. Bodybuilders with smooth, bubble butts ok, scat possible, generous honorarium for rights model. ☎ 8771.

Handsome, Athletic, Smooth-Skinned
Handsome, athletic, smooth-skinned, friendly Asian male wants to receive firm, long (1 1/2 hour or longer) Full-body oil massages on a regular basis from experienced masseur. ☎ 8772.

Cock Sucker With Ass
WM, 5'4y, 5'2", balding, 125#, HIV-, get sucked, then fuck my tight hairy ass. Till we cum together. Discreet, my place in San Rafael. Late afternoon or weekends. ☎ 8776.

Cop Lover
6'3", 39, bld/bl, 175#. HIV-. Want to settle out of court with active drop-by uniformed cop. Discreet. ☎ 8820.

Sumner SF Best Oral
Attractive SF GWM, HIV-, 5'9", 150#, offers world class oral for guys looking to get well sucked off. Big loads +. Prefer trm, WM, gay/bi/str8/married all ok. No recip. Could be regular. ☎ 8777.

The Hottest Guy In Town
Even the hottest guy in town is not worth risking your life over. Always play safe. Where a condom and never exchange bodily fluids. ☎ SAFE.

Wide Open To Adventure
HIV+, 43, bottom to versatile, seeks tops, any race or age. Honesty more important. 6'1", 190#, 8/8r. John. ☎ 8815.

Black and White Heat
GWM, 30, 5'11", slim and firm, seeks buff blk men, 30's, for nights of physical fun. If you are safe, into fore- and after-play, and know what you want and how to get it, then let's talk, and let's get busy. ☎ 8816.

Suck Buddy Wanted
Tall, GWM, professional, 48, HIV-, cut, smoker, cocktails, aromas, big heart and personality. Looking for average, GWM, professional, HIV-, cut, into getting head, too. ☎ 8817.

You Never Know...
Unless you try—29 yo, 6, 205#, 8/8l easy going, very safe, cute, fun GWM willing to give it a try with a quality GWM or GWM. Interested in going slow, at first, but the sky is the limit. ☎ 8818.

Marlin Head Lands
Where can a guy go to meet men in Mann? I want to know the cruising locations in the N bay and other happening gay spots. I'm new here and I know everybody doesn't always go to the city. C'me in please. I'll share all I find out. ☎ 8819.

Open My Mouth and Spread My Legs
Seek GWM/HM SF top for deep penetration, hot sex with this 100% bottom GWM. HIV+ OK, even encouraged. LTR poss. Avail mostly on weekends. ☎ 8821.

Foreplay Servicing Required
HIV-, WM, with ample foreskin, 5'11", 40sh, 160#, br/br, smooth, 7" uncut, wants to kick back and have his foreskin serviced, chewed, with thick, looked, slow fr tr I cum. You 18-50, HIV-, with insatiable foreskin appetite. ☎ 8822.

Latin Lover Wanted
8lk man, 5'11", 200#, hung, well built, handsome, looking for hung and hairy Latin male, goatee virile, romantic. Must be butch & like soccer. ☎ 8823.

Hot Bottoms Only
This beautiful, 8'6", large, mushroom headed, cock is looking for wide open holes for fucking. This 6', 170 #, GWM is seeking masculine studs for long hard ass pounding. HIV- OK. ☎ 8824.

Older Out Of Shape, But Hung and Horny
Bik top man seeks men who are experienced, mature, masculine, sincere and easy to reach by phone (direct contact phone # required). You have a deep throat or hot hair. I'm in the E. Bay. I call 6 am to 7 am. ☎ 8825.

Interstate Traveler
Very cute WM boy, 26 yo, from San Diego. Visit SF frequently on business. Seeking similar for friendship safe fun/pos. more. Mass/Dom, and into leather a +. Let's play. ☎ 8826.

Hot Black
5'10", 155#, late 30's, thin build, nice ass, straight looking, bottom! Seeks top must have nice body and cut, average size OK. No short or pencil dicks please! Little guy, big dick a +! ☎ 8828.

Wanted: Bottom Who Likes
To be used for pleasure, with deep throat, for big dick balls, etc. Submissive but not cowed. Take just? You're hairy I'm smooth, tan. ☎ 8829.

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A1 Oral Service Delivered
SF GWM, HIV-, 6', handsome, 150# offers complete oral service to guys who get getting sucked off. Prefer trm, mature. No reciprocation. ☎ 8858.

Serious Hot
Blond, cute, 40's stallion accepting sexy, hot body and hormones. Into the best sex in SF. ☎ 8927.

Seeking Lean HIV+ Sex Slave
WM, 36, 140#, HIV+, Dk-blond, lean defined, non-hairy, seeks boyish HIV+ fuckslave, 18-35, to humiliate and rape, hard & often (natural). You: quiet, sub-massive, smart, clean, NS, under 150# You crave being held down, raped, used, Me: brutal, x-hung, thick careful, fast, brutal. Arrogant & sadistic in bed, warm & personable elsewhere. ☎ 8859.

F*ck Master
If you're a thin muscle guy w/ definediceps, very arms, and/or washboard abdominals, I'll blow your butt and take charge. All hole fantasies will be fulfilled. I'm 6'1", 185#, 35 yo, caucasian, muscular, very sexy chest, dark hair, dark eyes, dark mind, HIV-, ☎ 8828.

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Sucker For Men In Uniform
I'm 48 with a weakness for men in uniform—especially cops & firemen—will service all. No reciprocation expected. Just lean back and relax and let me worship you. Comfortable surroundings. ☎ 8940.

Double Adventure
In shape, versatile, 5'11", hung big, needs other men (20's-30's), well built, hairy body, with a big firm hairy bubble butt to eat and fuck. ☎ 8943.

Scottish Laddie Recently Moved From Philly
GWM, 39, 6'4", 175#, bl/br/gray hair, HIV-, enjoy cooking, old movies, beach, 2 step quiet times looking for buddies to hang out with 30-50 yrs. 5'10" and up. NS in shape with similar interests. ☎ 8942.

Looking for HIV+ Latin Top
For friendship and sexual encounters. I'm WM, I'm hair, haz eyes, 170#, 50, HIV+, healthy, passionate, attractive, bottom. I can take all you can give me, love kissing and holding, gentle, intense love of life, spiritual, professional. You: any age, intelligent, in shape, employed, want to be a long term survivor, passionate, love sex. ☎ 8945.

Hot Hard Top Wants Your Butt
GWM, 40 yo, 5'8", 140#, w/ athletic build, hairy chest, brn/bm, clean shaven, will play you good and deep with nice hard tool always ready. If you are GWM/GLM in good shape, 25-35 yo, must be clean shaven ready for fun & fucking! ☎ 8946.

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Ass Licker
I'm a GWM and a hairy top who wants to try being on the bottom. If you're a gilding muscular top, 28-35, I'd like to eat your ass. Have him chair. Train me slow, sir. ☎ 8947.

What's New? G'd to Do With Him?
2 g'ding bottom men 33-38 yo, were seeking a gilding dominant top man/man, hung & ready for fun. ☎ 8944.

Foreplay Muncher
Big guy (6'5", 220+) crazy about that little something extra you have. Have your overhang chewed, nibbled, sucked and tugged for your delight and mine. Be fit, hung and ready to surrender it. ☎ 8948.

Live Outside San Francisco?
I want to meet men who live outside SF to visit. I'm seeking new environments, new adventures, new friends. I'm muscular and friendly. ☎ 8949.

Chubby Sex Chaser
33yo, big boy (5'10", 250+) seeks lean, cocky, stud who's man enough to satisfy me. I like it long and hard and sweaty. Are you up to it? ☎ 8950.

Hot Boxing Action
Is your fantasy a hot, private boxing match? Muscular 6'3", 160#, stud visiting the week has the equipment to make your dream come true. Novices welcome. Muscular bottoms a +. ☎ 8951.

Exhibitionist And Voyeur
HIV-, WM, 30's, healthy, seeks younger guys or couples who enjoy watching, being watched, playing with toys and oral. Like smoker and drinker. OK. Prefer my place in Oakland. ☎ 8952.

Eat Me!
Masculine hairy bear 43, 5'5", 135#, HIV-, with hot crotch seeks hungry, talented, buddy for long hot sessions of oral worship and service. Verbal, imaginative, dominant. Mann can travel. ☎ 8953.

Need A Refreshing Approach
Must others who believe that long term survival is possible, want to accept and transform themselves. Emphasis on: social activities, being part of a team, a process of change, a common sense of direction, fulfilling our destinies, helping others with HIV to do the same, and a humanist spirit. Groups forming on 3 continents. Meet others, learn experience and chart an open future. ☎ 8952.

Lookin For Lust
New to city. Me: Hunk and hung true 10, top or bottom. You: 32+, blue, 180#, gay/bl/s, looks not important. FF, WS must scenes Dom/Verbal buttfucker. No bar flies or fem. Ask for big R. ☎ 8953.

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Hung Top
Hot, South American, 5'8", 135#, smooth, slim, tight body. Small hot/hungy ass needs top men. I like tall, skinny men who like to fuck. ☎ 8864.

FETISHES

Hot Kinky Redhead
Lean, 168#, 5'11", 30w, grey eyes, hips pierced, forearm tattoo, mohawk hair-cut, likes buttwork & FF, pitting & catching. Clear/boys interests included rubber, leather, bondage, shaving, speedos/breits/cycling/trunks/jocks in sheds. Verbal fantasies a plus. Incest, military, western, gladiator, police, animals, gym. Robin. ☎ 8770.

You Have Huge Luscious Nipples?
I'm 38, muscular and love to service, suck, huge, thick protruding nipples. 1" and longer! I'm serious, you be serious also! ☎ 8837.

Black & Red Hips
Hot, Harley riding, pig looking for the right fit to open him up. I'm WM, 40yo, 5'7", 160#, two hot holes eager to service an aggressive top. Need lust not love. Give me a try Sir. ☎ 8762.

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Lifelong extemore looking at & fantasizing about men's barefeet. Very aroused, sexually & sexually by kissing, licking, smelling, carressing barefeet in reciprocal action. J.O. Gilding. E. Bay. GWM, 5'9", 140#, tan, beardier, HIV-, NA, ND. E Bay preferred. ☎ 8761.

Attention:
If you are a WM, cute, with big clean feet, A 50's, sizzling tongue would love to get you naked worship and lick your feet. In preferred but not necessary. ☎ 8765.

Shorts
I like showing off my hard cock in skimpy shorts and getting sucked. Leave me a steamy message with a way to get a hold of you and your fantasy. ☎ 8958.

Feet Cleaner
Attractive, hairy, late 40's, HIV-, East Bay man seeks nice, sexy footed masters who want me worshipping, groveling, licking, etc. at their feet. Seek sincere, very serious regulars. ☎ 8959.

Oral Pleasure For Out Of Shape GM
This 39 yo, GM is looking for an out of shape, unkempt, sleazy-looking, GM who enjoys receiving oral pleasure all over. Older, hairy, uncult, facial hair a +. Not nec. Smokers welcome but ND. Not into SM, pain, leather or S/M games. ☎ 8966.

Saddle Shoes
Generous, attractive, middle aged guy is turned on by cute young boys 18-35 wearing saddle shoes. ☎ 8763.

Grooving Nipples
Need sensual stretching, pumping and kneading at their n thick and extended. Cute boyish, slender, gym-toned GWM, 24, perfect, seeks cute GWM muscles boys, 18-30, w/huge nipples and neck into mutual sensual nipple play enlargement and other safe sex. ☎ 8967.

Couples
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GWM couple 40's, looking for friends or more (singles/couples). Not into the bar scene. ☎ 8839.

Other
Upper Market Mtn Bikers
Into mountain biking? Feel horny after a ride? Let's take a short ride then come back to my place and strip down and get it on. I'm a masculine, discreet, WM, 35, 5'9", 150#, dark hair, 'stache/goatee. You: Masculine, discreet, WM, 20's-30's, near my body size. ☎ 8767.

Strat-O-Matic Baseball
I'm interested in forming or joining a league with other dedicated players. SF area. Batter up, and let's play ball. ☎ 8768.

SF Granddad
Slim, GWM, 60's, beard, moustache, balding, HIV-, seeks healthy, affectionate, showoff Grandson possible a country boy at first, later like to relax and relieve intense mutual oral fixations. Yum yum. ☎ 8769.

Superguilty
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Friday 1

AIDS Memorial Quilt

Panels in memory of Sonoma County residents on display thru 3/3, free. Sonoma County Museum, Santa Rosa. (707) 544-1215.

Cocktail Concert

SF Saxophone Quartet performs Gershwin, more. \$5. 6pm. Star Classics Recital Hall, 425 Hayes. 552-1110.

Detour

Theatre Concrete combines music, theater and robotics in a trip thru the collective unconscious. Fri. & Sat. thru 3/9. \$7. 550 Natoma. 621-4068.

Four Dogs and a Bone

John Patrick Shanley's four-character comedy: two actresses, a screenwriter and a producer scheme for a movie. Thurs.-Sun. thru 3/2, call for times. \$18. Tonight at 8pm. Actors Theatre, 533 Sutter. 296-9179.

Hay Fever

Noel Coward's comedy about an eccentric theatrical family. Thurs.-Sun. thru 3/10. \$15. Tonight at 8pm. Phoenix Theatre, 301 8th St. 346-3107.

Homer G.

"6 the Rhapsodies in the Fall of Detroit," a hip-hop fall of Troy by Ila Bayeza, episode 1: "The Judgment of Paris." Thurs.-Sat. at 8pm, Sun. at 2pm thru 3/10. Lorraine Hansberry Theatre, 620 Sutter. 474-8800.

Lypsinka Must Be Destroyed!

"The First Farewell" Like a glamorous phoenix, Lypsinka rises from the ashes of her Minnellian nightmare. Thru 3/31. \$18-20. 8pm. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St. 861-7933.

Out Calls Only

Erotic comedy based on true

adventures of SF call boys. Thurs.-Sat. at 8:30pm, Sun. at 7:30pm extended thru 3/3. \$15. Studio at Theatre Rhino, 2926 16th St. 861-5079.

A Portrait of Patsy Cline

Joni Morris in a musical tribute. Thurs.-Sun. \$22-25. Tonight at 8pm. Alcazar Theatre, 650 Geary. 392-4400.

Twisted Pairs

Annette Divew plays an Amish farmgirl in George Coates' latest creation. Fri. & Sat. at 8pm, Sun. at 2pm thru 3/10. \$15-34. Performance Works, 110 McAllister. 863-4130.

Viva

Dance party, DJs Jamie J. Ruben Mancias. 9:30pm-4am. \$7. V/sf, 278 11th St. 621-1530.

Saturday 2

The Body Electric

Rick Herold's paintings on vinyl, thru March. Ron Jones performs nude work "The Pond," reception tonight. 6pm. Naked Art Gallery, 355 Bryant, Loft 110. 284-0567.

Brazilian Figurative Imagery

Watercolors by Karen Frey, and photographs by David Whitman, reception today at 2pm. Fri. & Sat. thru 3/10. 60th Street Gallery, 544 60th St., Oakland. (510) 658-6920.

Dump Jesse Helms

"Friends of North Carolina," gay/les/bi/trans fundraisers to defeat Helms, meet every Sat., 2pm, Rm 106, MCC, Eureka at 18th. 863-9792.

Enrique

Live performance from *Cut the Cheese*. \$10. Doors open 9:30pm. Club Universe, 177 Townsend. 985-5241.

Fairy Tale Masquerade Ball

Greater Bay Area Costumer's Guild's 4th annual fundraiser, a costume-only event. Invent or rent a costume. 7:30pm. Clock Tower, Benicia. Tickets only in advance. 469-7602.

Forgiving Waters

Corey Fischer tells story of his mother's death, father's disorientation due to Alzheimer's. Fri.-Sun. thru 3/3. \$15. Tonight at 8pm. A

▼ Saturday

David Whitman's photograph of two young bucks horsing around is part of **Brazilian Figurative Imagery** at 60th Street Gallery in Oakland.



Traveling Jewish Theatre, Project Artaud, 2800 Mariposa. 621-7797.

Iolanthe

Lamplighters Music Theatre performs Gilbert & Sullivan's operetta: flock of fairies challenge the peers of Parliament. Fri. & Sat. at 8pm, Sun. at 2pm thru 3/31. \$19-23. Lindland Theatre, 60th Street Gallery, 544 60th St., Oakland. 277-0331.

Loteria & Potluck

Aguilas, the gay Latino group, hosts a party at its general mtg. 6pm. Dolores Community Services, 938 Valencia. 285-8405.

Psycho Monkey on Planet Earth

Disfigured young man and his twisted family tree: monologue with dance, original score, presented by The Marsh. Thurs.-Sat. at 8pm thru 3/23. \$15. Norse Auditorium, 275 Hayes. 826-5750.

Purim Rap Party

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav celebrates Purim: dancing, food, costumes, rap. \$10. 7pm. 220 Danvers. 861-6932.

¿Que Nuevas?

"What's New? The Immaculate Conception," a multimedia extravaganza by Latina Theatre Lab. Thurs.-Sat. at 8pm, Sun. at 7pm thru 3/17. \$10-15. Bravai Studio Theatre, 2180 Bryant. 658-4543.

Women on Women

Films and videos include "Good Sister/Bad Sister," "Queen Mercy" and "Bird Cage Wedding Cake." \$5. 8:30pm. ATA, 992 Valencia. 824-3890.

Year of the Rat

Chinese New Year Parade for year 4,694 begins at 6pm, Chinatown.

Sunday 3

Mark Doty

Poet reading from his new memoir *Heaven's Coast*, free. 2pm. Barnes & Noble, 2550 Taylor. 292-6762.

Edge Makers

Anna Halprin performs, part of Edge Festival '96. \$10 advance, \$12 door. 8pm. Dancers' Group/Footwork, 3221 22nd St. 824-5044.

Herstories:

"Cutting Through the Yellow Wallpaper," exhibition of mixed media works by Virginia Bowen, reception

today, 5pm. On view 3/8, 15, 29. Luna Sea, 2940 16th St. 863-2989.

Making Room

A sound and movement workshop led by Bath Brown. \$40-80. 10am-4pm. 3435 Army, Studio 202. 703-7142.

Ragazzi

The Peninsula Boys Chorus & Lick-Wilmerding Chorus and

Chamber Orchestra, in a tribute to Eastern Europe. \$7-10. 3pm. St. Agnes' Church, 1025 Masonic. 342-8785.

SF Gay Softball League

Opening Day celebration at Pleasuredome. \$7. 8pm-6am. 177 Townsend.

▼ Saturday

Members of the Greater Bay Area Costumer's Guild invite you to their **4th Annual Fairy Tale Masquerade Ball**, a costume-only event at the Clock Tower in Benicia.



▲ Tuesday

Keep America Strong, one of the oil paintings by Jim Leff on view at Castro Station through March.

S/M Vibe

James Villalva, Powell, and from new 3:30pm. A 489 Castro.

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S/M Visions

James Williams, Mason Powell, and Tanith Tyrr read from new book, free 3:30pm. A Different Light, 489 Castro. 431-0891.

V Dance

Host Sister Roma, DJs Blackstone, Pete Avila. \$3. 4pm-12am. V/sf, 278 11th St. 621-1530.

Wine Tasting

SAGA North, gay & lesbian downhill ski club has gen'l mtg. wine. 6:30pm. First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin. 995-2772.

Monday 4

Gay Comedy Open Mike

Aspiring queer comics sign up by phone. \$5. 8pm. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St. 861-7933.

Goldfield & Koldewyn

Musical team in songs romantic and vaudevilian, Mondays thru 4/8. \$10/ 2 drink min'm. Plush Room, York Hotel, 940 Sutter. 885-2800.

Nude Coffee

All-female comedy group performs sketches, songs and parodies. Mondays thru 3/4. \$6. Punchline, 444 Battery. 397-4337.

Stitch and Bitch

Amazon sewing circle meets every other Monday. 7pm. Boadecia's Books, 398 Colusa, Kensington. (510) 559-9184.

Tuesday 5

John James Audubon

Exhibit of "The Watercolors for The Birds of America" thru 4/14. \$6. de Young Mem'l Museum, Golden Gate Park. 863-3330.

Louise Bourgeois: Drawings

Major retrospective of celebrated octogenarian artist. Wed-Sun. thru 3/24. \$6. University Art Museum, 2626 Bancroft. (510) 642-0808.

Comforting Foods

Project Open Hand cookbook signing and tasting, royalties donated to home meals program. 7pm. Barnes & Noble, 2550 Taylor. 292-6762.

Jim Leff

Current oil paintings and prints, thru March. Artist appearance tonight. 6pm. Castro Station, 456 Castro. 431-SOMA.

Positive:

"A Visual Aid Legacy" exhibition curated by Larry Rinder, includes Sam Allen, Ed Aulerich-Sugai, David Cannon Dashiell, John Davis, Elliott Linwood, more. Tues-Sat. thru 3/27. Mission Cultural Center, 2868 Mission. 777-8242.

Touch Dancing

For gay and lesbians couples and singles: ballroom, Latin, country/western. 6-week classes begin tonight. 7:15pm. 549 A Castro. 864-2628.

Tradition

"American Realism: Past and Present" exhibition, thru 3/30. John Pence Gallery, 750 Post. 441-1138.

What About AIDS?

Exhibition "for the whole family" - science, art, remembrance, opens today, runs thru 6/2. \$9. The Exploratorium, 3601 Lyon. 563-7337.

Wednesday 6

The Associates

Sketch comedy that makes a mockery of hypocrisy. Wed. thru March. \$10. 8pm. Cable Car Theatre, 430 Mason. 956-8497.

Beach Blanket Babylon

Musical tour around the world now includes the Royal Family. Wed-Sun., call for times. \$18-45. Tonight at 8pm. Club Fugazi, 678 Green. 421-4222.

Black Is...Black Ain't

Marlon Riggs' last film, screened in conjunction with "What About AIDS?" exhibit. \$9 museum admission. 7:30pm. McBean Theater, Exploratorium, 3601 Lyon. 563-7337.

Gallery Selections

Group show includes Martha Armstrong, Ben Bergstein, Brooks Anderson, more. Reception tonight, 6pm. Tues-Sat. thru 3/29. Mulligan-Shanoski, 747 Post. 771-0663.

Low Cool

SF Art Institute's 125th anniversary exhibition includes Meg Mack, Paul McCarthy, Ruby Neri, thru 3/17. Walter/McBean Gallery, SFAL 800 Chestnut. 749-4588.

Morphology

Group sculpture exhibition features new work by Michael Damm, Gordon Simpson, Teresa A. Smith, more. Wed-Sat. thru 3/16. The LAB, 2948 16th St. 864-8855.

Sara Paretsky

Mystery writer, founding member of Sisters in Crime speaks, benefit for The Women's Foundation. \$16. 8pm. Herbst Theatre, Van

Ness at McAllister. 392-4400.

Purilo Victorious

Ossie Davis' comedy about race relations in the old South. Wed-Sat. at 8pm thru 3/30. \$8-12. Multi Ethnic Theatre, Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 De Haro. 550-8161.

Slavsi

"Thinking About the Longstanding Problems of Virtue and Happiness," by Tony Kushner. Tues-Sun. thru 4/19, call for times. \$21.50-\$34. Tonight at 8pm. Berkeley Rep Theatre, 2025 Addison, Berkeley. (510) 845-4700.

Twilight: Los Angeles, 1992

Anna Deavere Smith portrays nearly 40 real-life individuals with perspectives on the '92 uprising. Thru 3/17, call for times. \$21.50-34. Tonight at 8pm. Marines Mem'l Theatre, 609 Sutter. (510) 845-4700.

Working While Receiving...

"Government Benefits: The Dos and Don'ts" workshop presented by Positive Resource and AIDS Legal Referral Panel, free. 11am. Life Conference Center, 1675 California. 928-1446.

Writing in the Age of HIV

8-week writing workshop taught by Stephen Beachy, author of *The Whistling Song*, begins tonight. \$40. 7pm. A Different Light, 489 Castro. 281-9338.

Thursday 7

Bingo

Gay bingo benefits Coming Home Hospice, every Thurs. \$12. Doors 6pm. Most Holy Redeemer Church, 100 Diamond St. 241-0425.

Faulkner's Bicycle

Heather McDonald's play: family ties in Mississippi, headliner of 2nd Annual Working Women festival. \$10-12. Wed-Sat. at 8pm thru 3/31. 450 Geary Studio Theatre. 673-1172.

Heartbreak

In Jack Heifner's play, a writer exploits his best friends and earnest lover. Weds-Sat. at 8pm thru 3/30. \$12-16. New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness. 861-8972.

Maestrol

Exhibition of thirty prints of internationally famous conductors by SF photographer Tom Zimmeroff. Tues-Sat. thru 3/23. Free. San Francisco Performing Arts Library & Museum, 399 Grove. 252-4800.

Nelson

Recent paintings: nude portraiture. Thurs-Sat. thru 3/10. Timothy Higbee Gallery, 30 Rose. 621-4923.

Artemio Rodriguez

Works on paper by Mexican artist from Michoacan, thru 3/10. Polanco Gallery, 393 Hayes. 252-5753.

Slippery Water

Mixed media sculpture by Alan Firestone. Wed-Sat. thru 3/16. Four Walls, 3160-A 16th St. 626-8515.

The Taming of the Shrew

The African-American Shakespeare Co. presents a contemporary version of Shakespeare's comedy. Thru 3/17, call for times. \$12. Next Stage Theater, 1668 Bush. 333-1918 x 2.

Véhicules à Paris

Paintings by Helen Berggruen, reception tonight. 6pm. Mon-Sat. thru 3/27. Alliance Française de San Francisco, 1345 Bush. 775-7755.

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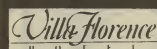
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The Games People Play

As the first elected emperor of San Francisco, I have observed each year's emperor and empress campaigns ever since I passed the title to Russ Higginbotham as Emperor II of San Francisco. (All of us were elected emperors after Joshua Norton, the alleged husband of the Widow Norton, Empress I Jose Sarria.)

Almost all the empress campaigns have been colorful, campy. The emperor campaigns have usually been more staid but often lively themselves.

This year, however, the emperor campaign was truly ugly. It's hard to believe that these candidates are grown-up, mature and reportedly intelligent men when their adherents, either with or without their support, committed a series of arrogant and downright nasty acts. To wit: a bomb scare phoned in to a Hayes Valley bar because of that establishment's backing a certain candidate. The slashing of the tires of another candidate. Derogatory, defamatory mail about an emperor candidate signed only "Purring Loudly." Since the pseudonymous person chose feline instead of fowl, he or she can only be described as "cat shit."

No, I didn't exercise my opportunity to vote this year. Who wants to participate in such an atmosphere of hate, venom and jealousy? I have to salute the empress candidates for not engaging in these tactics.

I will attend this year's coronation with the thought in mind that the Tavern Guild of San Francisco was the main catalyst for the court system as it exists today. No one person can claim otherwise. And the personalities and actions of those who wore those crowns for the past three decades have increased the popularity of the courts, not only here but in other cities.

A lot of emperors, it should be noted, have achieved impressive stature as well. The perpetrators of the foul deeds that occurred during this 1996 campaign may never be known, and perhaps, it's better that way. For who would knowingly consort with bitter, evil, vicious and unworthy people?



Photo: Mr. Marcus

King of Leather for Life Andy Rose (l) and Queen of the 38 Geary Don "Ho" Tse performed a rousing "number" at the ICF Motorcycle Awards on Saturday, Feb. 17. And they swore they'd never do drag!

Onward! The 15 Association celebrated its 16th anniversary over last weekend, and many of out-of-towners were on hand. The opening event, a fabulous dinner (at the Cliff House!), was a pleasant and satisfying interlude. George Whiting of Vancouver, B.C., co-founder of VASM (Vancouver Activists in S/M), was honored for his lifelong commitment to the practice and was presented with a plaque by 15 Association President Beardog Hoffman and Vice President Peter Fiske.

George is on a roll. He will be judging the International Mr. Leather contest in Chicago next May. On Saturday, The 15 hosted a dungeon party, and the week-

end's activities culminated on Sunday with a brunch and a farewell play party that afternoon. Congratulations!

Saturday night at the Eagle was, to quote at least one observer, "like a Fellini movie plus 10," with outrageous SPI, leather and drag outfits that definitely qualified for a Bravo documentary. Plus lots of entertainment, a fabulous food fest, etc. Leather regulars stood in awe as the "Brothers & Sisters in Harmony" fundraiser for Sojourn progressed. At my deadline, no final figure was announced, but it should be hefty. In spite of the intense chill, it was yet another night of celebration to raise much needed funds. Thanks, Alan Selby, and all who volun-

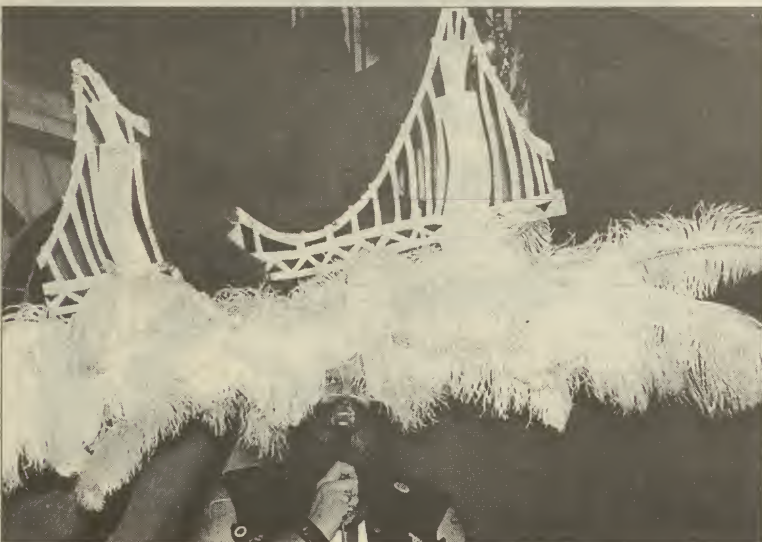


Photo: Mr. Marcus

Move over Val Diamond! It's Beach Blanket Bearbylon with The Lurch in a giant BOSF hat that wowed the International Mr. Bear Contest audience on Sunday, Feb. 18.

Eventures in Leather

All phone numbers are in the 415 area code unless otherwise indicated.

Thursday, Feb. 29

Bare Chest Calendar contest continues tonight - looking for Mr. May 1997, promptly at 2200. The \$5 Knights of Malta beer bust goes from 2100 to midnight. Be there!

Saturday, March 2

Emperor Brian and Empress Donna end their fabulous year tonight at the Imperial Coronation at the Gift Center. Much pomp and pageantry. Thanks to both for an outstanding year!

Susan Simpson raised over \$4000 at the AIDS Ride last year and hopes to surpass that this year. Beer bust benefit and 50/50 raffle at the Eagle, 2000-2300, to benefit the SF AIDS Foundation.

Defenders of SF beer bust at the Lone Star Saloon, 1500-1900. No details furnished this time.

Sunday, March 3

The Gay Softball League kicks off the season with an opening day carnival (food, game booths) at noon today at Lang Field (Gough/Turk) with the Gay Freedom Band and Wild Oats performing (no men-

tion of a game to be played). Later that night a big dance at Pleasuredome at 2000 will be emceed by Danny Williams and Rachel Gordon.

Tuesday, March 5

Mr. Northern California Drummer Omar Moseley and Daddy's present a Full Moon Tough Customer and \$6 beer bust at Daddy's at 2000. You could end up in *Tough Customers* magazine, but bring two IDs, one with your mug. 50/50 raffle, drawings, fun.

Weekend, March 8-10

One of the best non-contest leather weekends is San Diego Leatherfest (formerly NLA San Diego). For this the eighth anniversary, Club X sponsors 72 hours of workshops, dungeonfest, SM University and a 12-step program all at Regency Plaza Hotel/San Diego. Always well-attended, this one is a must if you like intense weekends. The sliding scale runs from \$65 to \$145. For more info: 1-800-598-1859. For hotel space, call 1-800-228-8048.

The Melbourne Leather Men celebrate their fifth anniversary weekend with most of the action at the Laird Hotel. If you'll be in the vicinity and want to participate, give me a

call or drop a line.

Sunday, March 10

Fresh from their club trip to Hawaii, the Cycle Runners MC hosts the Eagle beer bust, \$8, 1500-1800. Always a fun group - don't miss this one!

Wednesday, March 13

Wet Wednesday at 933 Harrison. Wear a yellow hanky, or better yet, a yellow slicker. Wet and wild, you know the rules and the other details. Let's get mellow yellow!

Thursday, March 14

Mr. June 1997 on the Bare Chest Contest calendar gets chosen at the Eagle tonight, 2200. The Knights of Malta MC hosts the \$5 beer bust from 2100 to midnight. Come on down and join the goings-on.

Friday, March 15

Golden Gate Guards MC beer bust at the Eagle, 2000-2300, \$6. Always fun with the GGG.

Weekend, March 16-17

Pegasus MOC's corresponding secretary is either ill or lazy. No details at my deadline, but they'll be doing their St. Patrick's weekend overnigher to Reno. ▼



1996 officers of the Constantines of the Bay Area (l to r): Wayne Johnson, vp; Al Aden, secretary; Larry Herzog, first lady; Doug Stromberg, president; Dale Harned, treasurer; and Kit Carson, road captain/run chair.

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American Leatherwoman '95 Sarah Humble of Baltimore was gloating in D.C. last weekend over the fact that she "scooped" me in a Baltimore gay newspaper on the results of the Pantheon of Leather awards two weekends ago in New Orleans. Sarah, darling, you were there in person. You (congrats) won Woman of the Year! I was not there, and doubt I will ever attend, because I find it extremely difficult to get excited about an awards gig that allegedly fields some 250 nominations and the winners are chosen by only 13 people! The key word here is "chosen."

Furthermore, I attended the first two awards ceremonies in Los Angeles, and I was definitely not impressed. While New Orleans may be a prime venue, I don't need the stroking, glad-handing, and good-old-boy and good-old-girl mentality that permeates this particular leather extravaganza.

Every leather person worth his/her salt works hard to raise money, raise leather consciousness, and promote safe sex. No dust-collecting statue, plaque or crystal lump means that much to the truly dedicated and behind-the-scenes people who do all the "grunt" work. These people are the ones who deserve the awards. Unfortunately, they are rarely, if ever, recognized for their contributions.

As late and stale as this news is at this point, congratulations to

Pantheon's Man of the Year Woody Bebout of St. Louis. And locally, equal applause to The 15 Association for Club of the Year, The Gauntlet for Business of the Year, and MSC Amsterdam for Club Event of the year. In the "yet another leather title" category, Ron Hendin of Athens, Ga., won Mr. Olympus, and Daddy Flo is Ms. Olympus. OK, Sarah? I'll only allow five lashes from your whip for your coup!

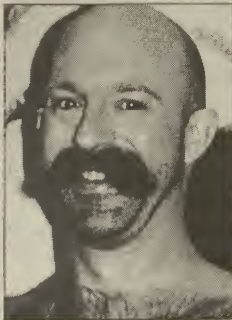
The Dish-Covering Channel

I find it necessary every year to convey the news that, yes, there will be an International Mr. Drummer Contest in 1996. Some stupid rumormonger is always spreading the word otherwise.

The contest will be held in San Francisco on Saturday, September 28. Other details will be forthcoming. As the 1996 regional coordinator, I will again be traveling to all 11 regions for *Drummer*, so rest already! And yes, it is possible that AmFAR will produce the show. Representatives of that organization were in town last week discussing the possibility.

Big bucks out there for local leather title seekers. On Wednesday, March 20, Mr. Leather Daddy '96 will be chosen; the winner will get \$300 in cash and a title vest. Daddy-O Philip Turner is finetuning the event, and Daddy Irwin will be the emcee.

The very next night, Thursday, March 21, Mr. SF Eagle Leather will be chosen. The booty also includes a \$300 cash prize and a title



Tom Powers won the April '97 spot on the SoMa Bare Chest Calendar on Thursday, Feb. 15. Choosing Mr. May '97 this Thursday, Feb. 29, at 2200.

vest. Details are still in the formulative stages.

Tickets are going fast for the Mr. San Francisco Leather Contest, to be held at the Alcazar Theatre on Geary, Saturday, April 20. A great, dedicated bunch of volunteers, including some of the bike clubs, will have input. Tickets available at Mercury Mail Order (4084-18th) and at both Mister S locations.

By now you must be aware that the B.A.R.'s 25th anniversary is April 4. That issue will be very big and very interesting. Stay tuned for a truly major event in your community. ▼

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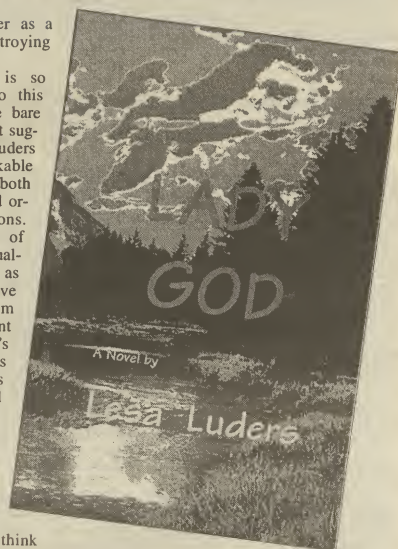
by Deborah Peifer

Let me start with a confession. I had a copy of *Lady God* around my house for several weeks before I read it. Every time I picked it up, I would read the synopsis on the back and think "not for me." Yes, it's true. I admit it. I judged a book by its cover. I'm so ashamed, and I know I can only make up for my mistake by urging you not to do the same. *Lady God* is an extraordinary novel, one I can easily imagine rereading with pleasure for years to come.

Landy lives in a fantastic world with a mother who can charm bears, tell stories, and do everything except stay alive. After her mother's suicide, Landy is forced to live with her alcoholic father and a younger brother who needs more help and protection than Landy can offer. When she decides to leave home and seek her own life, Landy is forced to confront the demons of her past, to recognize that coping skills that

worked for her as a child are destroying her as an adult.

But there is so much more to this novel than the bare iteration of plot suggests. Lesa Luders creates remarkable characters in both astonishing and ordinary situations. The structure of the novel is equally compelling as the narrative moves from Landy's present to her mother's past to Landy's future. Luders has a sure hand with the plot, so the reader is never lost in the complexity. *Lady God* will make you laugh and cry and think about your own life in new ways. Read this book, and then, because you'll want to, read it again. ▼



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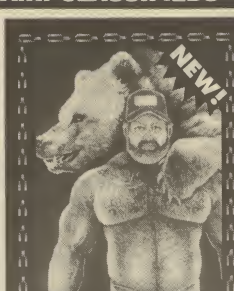
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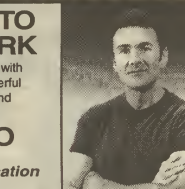
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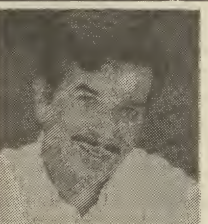
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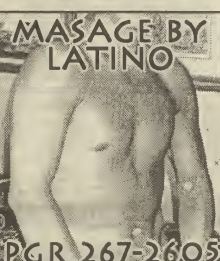
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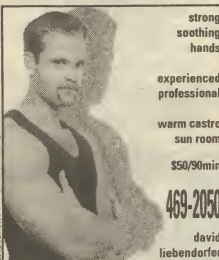
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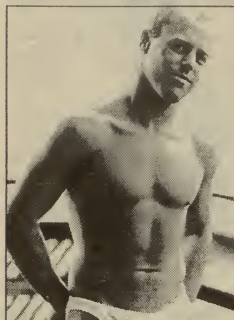
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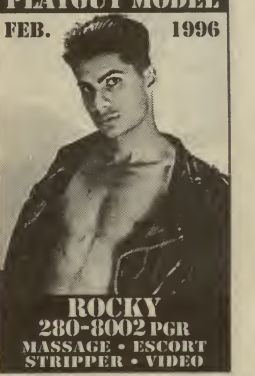
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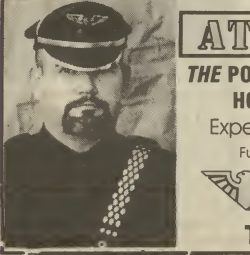
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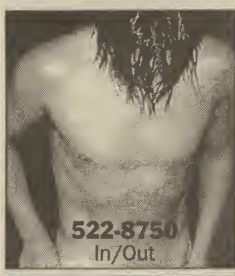
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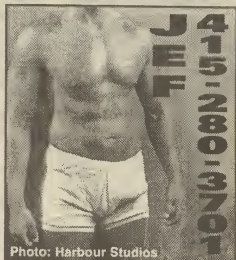


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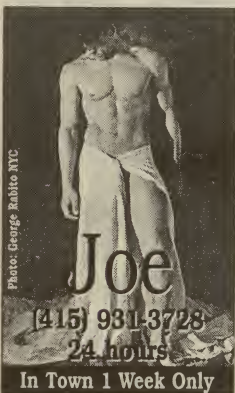


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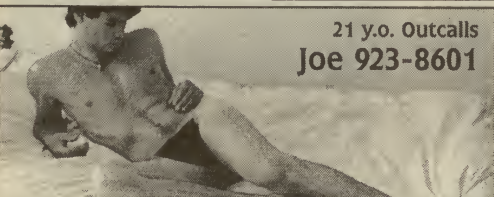
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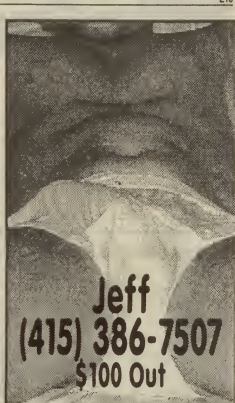


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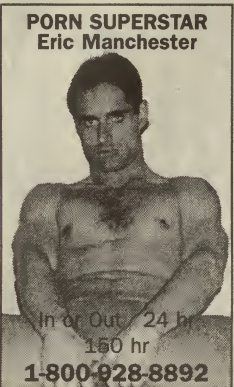
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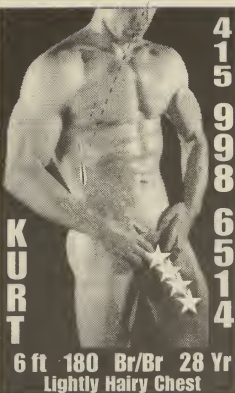
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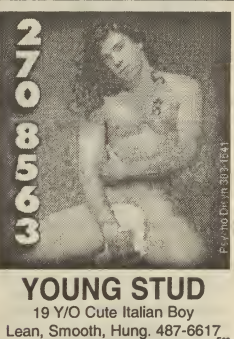
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